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MUDDY RIVER

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RECORDS.

1634—1838.

By the Inhabitants of Brookline,

IN TOWN MEETING.

INCORPORATED
1705

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INTRODUCTORY.

No more graphic picture of the habits, condition and character of the founders of our republic can be conceived, than that which their early public records afford. Their frequent meetings, " by public notice from house to house " for consultation on matters of common interest or necessity; for the allotment of the ground; for regulating the keeping of cows, goats and swine; for the admission of new-comers into their community, and allowing them house-lots, provided they were likely to become worthy members of the congregation, not otherwise; authorizing a loan from the common fund to enable a poor brother to cover in his house, on the condition that he should make it over to his wife and children for a permanent home; providing that every man should have a field to cultivate, and that if any man had fenced in more ground than he could plant, he should divide it with one who had none; that gates and stiles should be kept up, so that the shortest cuts to the springs of water or other places of resort should not be obstructed; that boys should not ride the horses across the common to water on the " Sabbath day." All these matters and innumerable others were discussed, regulated and provided for " att general meetings upon public notice, given the day before."

Thus familiarized with the discussion and management of public affairs when those public affairs were limited to the immediate necessities of a few score of emigrants, cast upon the shores of a limitless wilderness, when the settlement became a colony, and the colony expanded into a State, the habit and the capacity to discuss and to comprehend public questions "grew with its growth and strengthened with its strength;" and they who had been faithful in a few things were made rulers over many things.

This system of town governments, as developed in these colonies, is the seminal principle of popular government. Men born and nurtured under the influence of town government, are incapable of subjection to the rule of caste or dynasty. Had Boston been a city a hundred years ago, she could not have sounded the trumpet whose echoes awakened a continent, and gave birth to a nation. This was the work of the people in their primary assemblies. The thrilling eloquence of the Boston town meetings echoed from every meeting-house and school-house in the land, and not only the towns and hamlets of New England, but the wheat fields of Virginia and the orange groves of the Carolinas sent back the patriotic response. The town meeting became the terror of the British king, and the imperial parliament was invoked "to put a stop to them." No army threatened the British power in America. It was to put a stop to the town meeting that armed mercenaries were stationed on Fort Hill. Should the unhappy time ever arrive when the town meeting, the indigenous growth and the special glory of New England, shall cease to produce its apples of gold, the school and the college, powerful as they are, will be inadequate to perpetuate public liberty. Our schools themselves, and our entire educational system, as well as our political institutions, are the product of the town meeting. The early records of our towns are therefore of primary importance to the acquisition of a proper knowledge of the sources of the growth and development of American civilization.

EXPLANATORY.

The Warrant calling the one hundred and seventy-eighth annual meeting of " the Inhabitants of the land" originally known by the name of Muddy River and more recently by the name of the Town of Brookline, contained the following article, viz: "Nineteenth. To consider the subject of indexing, copying and printing the Town Records."

When this article came up for consideration it was

" *Voted*, That the nineteenth article be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, to report to the adjourned town meeting."

The Moderator, Charles H. Drew, Esq., " appointed the following gentlemen to compose said Committee, to wit: N. C. Towle, J. Emory Hoar, J. W. Edgerly."

This Committee reported to the adjourned town meeting that in their opinion, the early records of the hamlet of Muddy River and of the town of Brookline contained matter of historical interest and value which seemed to require that they be placed beyond the contingency of destruction by the loss or defacement of the single copy then in existence and that they ought to be placed in a condition to be more accessible to persons whose interest or inclination might prompt their examination.

In accordance with the views contained in the report it was " voted that the Town Clerk and a Committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator shall be authorized to cause to be made a complete index to the records of the town."

It was also voted, that said Committee be further authorized to have the records of the hamlet of Muddy River and of the town of Brookline down to the year 1837 printed for the use of the town and placed in the hands of the Town Clerk to be sold at a price to be fixed by the Committee, the proceeds to be accounted for to the town. The Moderator reappointed the members of the former Committee to constitute the Committee contemplated in the above votes.

As the result of their labors, the Committee have the satisfaction respectfully to submit to the town this printed volume of the first two centuries of its records.

The first seventy-one pages of this book have been gleaned, by laborious research, from two large folio volumes of the "Boston Records," both of which volumes are found in the quaint, original chirography of the seventeenth century, although one of them has been transcribed upon parchment. The succeeding thirteen pages are taken from the Boston "Book of Possessions" and from documents found in the office of the Secretary of State.

The first volume of the Brookline Records contains, besides the public proceedings of the meetings of the inhabitants of the hamlet of Muddy River and of the town of Brookline; a record of births, deaths and marriages; numerous memoranda of the taking up of stray cattle, horses and swine, with descriptions of the marks by which the animals could be identified; certificates of the warning of sundry persons to depart out of the town, and various other matters.

All that portion of the volume which relates in any way to the proceedings of public meetings of the hamlet or town will be found in this book between pages eighty-five and one hundred and seventy-seven, inclusive. That portion of it which relates to the social statistics will properly constitute a part of the complete record of "Births, Deaths and Marriages," which the Committee were instructed to have prepared; and would, of course, have been out of place here. The remaining portion of the first volume containing the early records, in order that nothing should be omitted, however unimportant or even useless much of it might appear, has been placed, in the form of an appendix, at the end of this volume. After careful consideration this arrangement of the matter seemed to be the only practicable one which would preserve an intelligible harmony in the record and at the same time avoid the omission of anything found in the original volume. This matter could not have been placed in this book in the form and order in which it is found in the original, without commencing the book at both ends, reversing a large number of pages and ending in the middle. Besides this, it would have been necessary to interrupt the record of the regular public proceedings of the town with masses of wholly irrelevant and incongruous matter, bearing dates many years prior and subsequent to the periods into which it would have appeared to be injected. By the method adopted, the continuity and sequence of the historical record, the matter of primary importance, has been preserved in chronological order.

The contents of the second volume of the Brookline Records, dating from March 4, 1754 to April 2, 1798, will be found on pages from one hundred seventy-seven to four hundred twenty-four.

The contents of the third volume of the original records, dating from April 2, 1798 to April 1838, will be found on pages from four hundred twenty-five to six hundred and thirty-six.

The carefully prepared indexes of subjects and of proper names will enable the reader to find readily any particular matter or name of which he may be in search.

N. C. TOWLE,

Chairman of the Committee on Town Records.

J. EMORY HOAR,

Secretary.

EARLY RECORDS

OF

MUDDY RIVER.

[Extracted from "BOSTON RECORDS."]*

The 10*th day of the* 9*th month*, *November*, 1634.—Att a general meeting upon pubb. notice given the day before, it was ordered and agreed upon vizt.:

Imprimis:—That Hogg Island shall be lotted out unto the inhabitants and freemen of this town according to the number of names in every family, by John Coxall William Brenton and John Saunford and that none shall further fell any wood there until the same be lotted out.

Item:—That Edmund Quinsey, Samuel Wilbore, William Buston, Edward Hutchinson the elder, and William Cheesbrough, the constable shall make and assess all these rates, vizt., a rate of 30£ to Mr. Blackstone, a rate for the cowes keeping, a rate for the goates keeping, and other charges in rambe goats about them and the cloes in common and make a rate for the young cattle and cows keeper at Muddy River.

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*At a court of Assistants holden at Charlestown ye 7th September, 1630 It is ordered yt Toy mountaine shall be called Bostonè, Mattapan, Dorchester and ye towne upon Charles River, Watertown.

That this is a true coppie as attests

EDWARD RAWSON, *Secretary*.

October 3, 1632.—It is thought, by generall consent yt Boston is ye fittest place for publick Meetings of any place in ye Bay.

EDWARD RAWSON, *Secretary*.

10th month, day 18th, (1634).—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Imprimis:—It is agreed that Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Coddington, Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Olyvar, Mr. Colborne and William Balstone shall have power to divide and dispose of all such lands belonging to the town (as are not yet in the lawful possession of any particular persons) to the inhabitants of the town, according to the orders of the court, leaving such portions in common for the use of new comers and the further benefit of the town as in their best discretions, they shall think fit, the Island hired by the town to be also included in this order.

9th of the 12th month 1634.—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Imprimis:—It is agreed by general consent that all the inhabitants shall plant, either upon such ground as is already broken up or inclosed in the Neck* or else upon the ground at Nodelles Island from Mr. Maverick's grant, and that every able man fit to plant, shall have allowed him two acres to plant on, and for every able youth, one acre, to be allotted out by Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Cogan, Mr. Sampford and William Cheesbrough and Mr. Brenton or any three of them.

Item:—That every man shall make his fences sufficient for all his planting ground on the Neck, upon pain that if any loss do come for defect therein, the damage shall be satisfied by such upon whose fence the break shall be, unless it do come by unruly cattle and that then such as are owners of them shall, after warning given unto them satisfy for all after damages by their said unruly cattle; Also the fences to be made sufficient before the seventh day of the second month; and they to be looked unto by our brother Grubb and brother Hudson for the new field; our brother Pennyman and brother Colborne for the field by him; and our brother Penn and brother Belchar for the first field.

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*"The Neck" was the name given to the peninsula of Boston proper, as distinguished from Rumney Marsh (Chelsea) Noddles Island (South Boston) Muddy River, (Brookline) were included in the town of Boston.

The 23d of the last month 1634.—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Imprimis:—It is agreed by general consent, that all barren cattle whatsoever, except such as are constantly employed in draught, and weaned calves of 20 weeks old and weaned male kids shall be kept abroad from off the Neck upon penalty for every one unput away within a week after warning, two shillings sixpence for every week not put away; and our brethren John Saunford, William Cheesbrough and William Boston to take care for the observing of this order.

Item:—that there shall be a little house built and a sufficiently paled yard to lodge the cattle in of nights, at Pullen Point neck before the 14th day of the next second month.

Item:—that no swine above 12 weeks old shall be suffered to go at liberty on the Neck, but kept up in yards, upon penalty for every swine otherwise suffered 12d. for every day so taken; and this order also to be looked unto by the aforesaid brethren and they to look out and appoint keepers for them and to see them paid for their so keeping; the swine to be put from off the Neck before the first of the next month or else to keep them up in their yards upon the penalty aforesaid.

The 23d of the first month 1635.—At a general meeting upon public warning;

Imprimis:—It is agreed by general consent, that the overseers of the fences of the several fields, shall see to the making of such styles and gates as may be needful for every field, and our brother Willbore to see to the gate and style next to Roxburie, all of them to be done before the aforesaid seventh day of the second month; the styles and gates for common highways to be made out of the public charge forth of the constable's hand; and the private styles and gates to be made at the charge upon the land in every field proportionably for every acre, upon pain for every the field not so done by the 1st day of the 3d month, 20s. to be forfeited by the overseers thereof.

Item:—Whereas the wood upon the Neck of land towards Roxbury hath this last winter been disorderly cut up and wasted whereby many of the poor inhabitants are disappointed of relief they might have had there, in after and needful times; Now it is generally agreed, that Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Bellingham Mr. William Hutchinson with the three deacons shall consider who hath been faulty therein and set down what restitution of wood unto the poor such shall make according to their several proportions, allotted by the major part of these six.

Item:—that whosoever at any public meeting shall fall into private conference to the hindering of the public businesses, shall forfeit, for every such offence 12d. to be paid into the constable's hands for public use.

Item:—It is generally agreed that no wood shall be felled at any of the Islands nor elsewhere until they be lotted out, but at Muddy River, Dorchester Neck or Noddles Island.

The 14*th of the* 10*th month* 1635.*—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Imprimis:—It is agreed by general consent; that Mr. William Colborne, Mr. William Aspinwall, Mr. John Sampford, William Balston and Richard Wright, shall, in the behalf of the town go and take view at Mount Woolliston and bound out there what may

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**Our brother Pormout to be our teacher:*—Likewise it was then generally agreed upon, that our brother Philemon Pormout shall be entreated to become schoolmaster for the teaching and nurturing of children with us:

For our brother Fairbancke, or our brother Thomas Wardall to become cow keeper:—Also that our brother Richard Fairbancke shall be entreated to take the cows to keeping that are upon the Neck; and in case he cannot, then our brother Thomas Wardall to be entreated thereunto.

8*th of the* 6*th month.*—Nicholas Willis was chosen constable for this following year and hath taken the oath accordingly.

The 30*th of the* 9*th month called November* 1635.—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Imprimis:—It is agreed that no further allotments shall be granted unto any new comer but such as may be likely to be received members of the congregation.

be sufficient for Mr. William Coddington and Edmund Quinsey to have for their particular farms there and accordingly as they five or four of them shall agree upon, to stand and the same to be entered in this book:

Item:—It is agreed, that the said five men or four of them, shall lay out at Muddy River a sufficient allotment for a farm for our teacher Mr. John Cotton:

Item:—It is agreed that Mr. William Colborne shall have his proportion of ground for a farm unto him, laid out at Muddy River near unto and about his house * which he hath there built, by the other four, before mentioned vizt., William Aspinwall, John Sampford, William Balstone and Richard Wright or three of them.

Item:—That the two Elders Mr. Thomas Ollyver, and Thomas Leveritt shall have their proportion of allotments, for their farming laid out at Muddy River by the before named five persons, vizt., William Colborne, William Aspinwall, John Sampford, William Balstone and Richard Wright or four of them.

Item:—That the poorer sort of the inhabitants, such as are members or likely to be, and have no cattle, shall have their proportion of allotments for planting ground and other assigned unto them by the allotters, and laid out at Muddy River, by the aforesaid five persons or four of them, and those that fall between the foot of the hill and the water, to have but 4 acres upon a head and those that are farther off, to have five acres for every head, the plot to begin next Muddy River side:

Item:—That none shall sell their houses or allotments to any new comer but with the consent and allowance of those that are appointed allottors.

Item:—That all such as have allotments for habitations allotted unto them shall build thereon before the first of the first month next called March, or else it shall be in the power of the allottors to dispose of them otherwise.

Item:—That Mr. William Hutchinson, Mr. William Colborne and Mr. William Brenton shall set prices upon all cattle, commodities, victuals, laborers and workmen's wages, and that no other prices or rates shall be given or taken.

Item:—That none of the members of this congregation or inhabitants amongst us shall sue one another at the law, before that Mr. Henry Vane and the two Elders Mr. Thomas Ollyver and Thomas Leveritt have had the hearing and deciding of the cause, if they can.

*Was this the first house built in Brookline?

The 4th of the 11th month called January 1635.—*Item*:—It is agreed that hereafter from this day none shall fell any wood or timber at Muddy River or any other place of private allotments but upon their own allotments.

Item:—That all such as have felled any trees in any the appointed places for private allotments shall either cart away the same within this six months or else the owners of the ground shall have it.

Item:—It is agreed that every one shall have a sufficient way unto his allotment of ground wherever it be and that the Inhabitants of the town shall have libertie to appoint men for the setting of them out, as need shall require, and the same course to be taken for all common Highways both for the town and countrie.

The 23d of the 11th month 1635.—At a general meeting upon public notice;

Item:—That such of the poorer inhabitants whose allotments were otherwhere, shall have liberty for three years, to plant at Muddy River where the rest do plant, upon such part of their allotments, as themselves are not able for the present, to plant; they in regard thereof making their part of fence and leaving such fence as they do make in due reparation and not taking away any of the wood and timber upon those allotments.

ORIGIN OF THE OFFICE OF SELECTMEN.

The 14th of the 1st month called March 1636.—At a general meeting upon private warning;

At this meeting it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Oliver, Thomas Leveritt, Mr. William Hutchinson, William Colborne, John Coggeshall, John Sampford, Richard Tuttell, William Aspinwall, William Brenton, William Balstone, Jacob Ellyott and James Penne, shall, from this day, look unto and set order for all the allotments within us, and for all comers in unto us, as also for all other the occasions and businesses of this town, excepting matters of Election for the General Court, and so from time to time to be agreed upon and ordered by them or the greater part of them, for these next six months.

It was ordered that no townsman shall entertain any strangers into their houses for above 14 days, without leave from them that are appointed to order the towns businesses.

It was ordered, that none shall keep any victualling houses, for the selling of wine beer, cakes or any other kind of victuals within this town, but only such as are allowed thereunto as Innkeepers.

The 16th of the 7th month September 1636.—At a general meeting upon this day;

At this assembly Mr. Thomas Olyvar, Thomas Leveritt, Mr. William Hutchinson, *1st of the 9th month* 1636.—Also it was agreed that our teacher, Mr. John Cotton shall have unto his lot at Muddy River all that ground lying between the two brooks, next to William Colbornes allotment there and so to the other end unto the shortest over cut beyond the hill towards the northwest.

The 12th of the same 10th month (1636).—At a meeting this day of Thomas Ollyvar, Thomas Leveritt, William Hutchinson, Robert Keayne, John Newgate, William Coulbourne, John Coggshall, William Brenton, John Sanford and William Balstone, it is agreed that Edward Belchar, William Talmadge, Thomas Snowe, William Dominqe and John Arratt, the servant of William Brenton, shall have their great allotments at Muddy River, and also, our brother Robert Hull and Thomas Wheeler: And also it is agreed that not above one dwelling house shall be built upon any one lot without the consent of the town's overseers.

The 9th of the 11th month called January 1636.—At a meeting this day of Thomas Olyvar, Thomas Leveritt, William Hutchinson, Robert Keayne, John Newgate, William Coulbourne, John Coggeshall, William Brenton, John Sanford, and William Balstone—

It is agreed that the Captain Underhill shall have a great allotment of 80 acres of upland and ten acres of marsh ground, in the most convenient place, after the laying out of the former granted allotments at Muddy River.

It was further agreed that our brother Isaac Grosse shall have a great allotment at Muddy River.

Mr. Robert Keayne, Mr. John Newgate, Mr William Coulborne, Mr. John Coggeshall, Mr. John Sampford, Mr. William Brenton, and Mr. William Balstone, are with general consent, chosen for these next six months to oversee and set order for all allotments, belonging to this town and for all other occasions and businesses of the same, (excepting matters of election for the General Court) from time to time to be agreed upon and ordered by them or the greater part of them.

Item :—At this assembly it was agreed upon by common vote and by lifting up of hands that the 565 acres, as they are described in a map and which were formerly purchased at Mount Woollystone, by our pastor Mr. John Wilson, with the consent of this town, partly of Mr. Pyncheon, partly of Mr. Woolcott partly of Mr. Smith (or at least his title utterly silenced) and partly of the Indians, should be and is the allotment of the said John Wilson there, together with the land there in controversy betwixt Dorchester and Boston, if the court adjudge them to Boston.

The 7th of the 12th month called February 1636.—At a meeting this day of Thomas Leveritt, William Hutchinson, Robert Keayne, John Newgate, John Coggeshall, John Sanford, William Brenton and William Balstone,

It was agreed that brother Thomas Alcock shall have his great allotment laid out at Muddy River.

Also that our brother Thomas Savage shall have seven acres of the marsh ground at Muddy River, laid him out for the keeping of his cattle (being in number five) by our brother William Coulbourne and others.

29 *of the 2d month*, 1637.—It is ordered that the field fences at Muddy River shall be made sufficient before the 7th day of the next third month, by equal proportion of acres upon the planters thereupon, in default of 12d. for every acre then undone.

The 2d of the 4th month 1637.—Mr. Thomas Flint hath allotted unto him 24 acres of the marsh ground at the mouth of Muddy River, there to be laid out for him.

The 8th of the 11th month called January 1637.—The great allotments at Muddy River.

Imprimis:—Edward Browne, eight acres, bounded on the south west with Mr. William Coulbourne, on the north west with Richard Bulgar and on the south east with Muddy River and north east with Benjamin Ward:

2. Benjamin Ward, 12 acres, bounded on the Southwest with Edward Browne, on the north west with the cedar swamp and on

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The 20th March 1637.—At a general meeting upon public notice;

At this meeting, Mr. Thomas Olyvar, Thomas Leveritt, Mr. William Hutchinson, Mr. William Coulborne, Mr. John Coggshall, Mr. Robert Harding, Mr. John Sanford, Mr. William Brenton, Mr. William Balstone, James Penne and Jacob Elyott, are with general consent chosen, for these next six months to oversee and set order for the town's occasions as formerly hath been.

16*th of the 8th month, Oct.* 1637.—[The same men re-elected with the addition of William Aspinwall] for these next six months and so until new ones be made choice of, and their charges at their meetings are to be borne by the town in general:

Aug. 1638.—It was agreed that none should sell their houses but with some part of their great allotments, without the consent of the overseers of the town's occasions.

There was leave granted to Francis Lyall to become an inhabitant.

the south east with Muddy River and on the north east with John Cramme:

3. John Cramme sixteen acres bounded on the southwest with Benjamin Ward, on the northeast with the Cedar Swamp, and on the south east with Muddy River and on the northwest with Robert Houlton:

4. Robert Houlton sixteen acres bounded on the south west with John Cramme; on the north west with the Cedar Swamp, and on the south east with Muddy River and on the northeast with Jarrat Bourne:

5. Jarratt Bourne eight acres bounded on the south west with Robert Houlton, on the north west with the cedar swamp and on the south east with Muddy River and on the northeast with John Biggs.

6. John Biggs eight acres bounded on the south west with Jarratt Bourne, on the northeast and south east with Muddy River marsh and on the north west with William Beamsley:

7. William Beamsly sixteen acres bounded on the south east with John Biggs and on the southwest with the Cedar Swamp and on the north east with Muddy River marsh and on the northwest with Thomasyn Scottua, widow.

8. Thomasyn Scottua, widow, sixteen acres bounded on the South east with William Beamsley, on the south west with the Cedar Swamp and on the north east with Muddy River Marsh and on the north west on Alexander Becke:

9. Alexander Becke eight acres bounded on the south east with Thomasyn Scottua, widow, on the southwest with the Cedar Swamp and on the north east with Muddy River Marsh and on the north west with Raphe Route, laborer:

10. Raphe Route twelve acres bounded on the southeast with Alexander Beck, on the northeast with a little marsh at the mouth of Charles River and on the Robert Reade on the north west.

11. Robert Reade eight acres bounded on the southeast with

Raphe Route and the said little marsh, on the north east with Charles River running from thence towards the south west a quarter of a mile in length towards the surveyors marks and on Mathew Ines on the northwest:

12. Mathew Ines eight acres bounded on the southeast with Robert Reade, on the northeast with Charles River of the same length towards the southwest and on Anthony Harker on the northwest:

13. Anthony Harker eight acres bounded on the southeast with Mathew Ines, on the northeast with Charles River and of the same length to the southwest and on John Pemmerton on the northwest:

14. John Pemmerton eight acres bounded on the south east with Anthony Harker on the north east with Charles River and of the same length to the southwest and on George Griggs on the north west:

15. George Griggs twenty and eight acres bounded on the south east with John Pemmerton, on the north east with Charles River and of the same length to the southwest: and on James Fitch and Richard Fitch on the north west:

16. James Fitch and Richard Fitch sixteen acres bounded on the south east with George Griggs and Edmund Jackson, on the northeast with Charles River and on the Northwest with Newtown and on Anne Ormsby, widow, on the south west:

17. Anne Ormesby, widow, eight acres bounded on the South east side and both ends with the Cedar Swamp and on Nathaniel Woodward the elder, on the south west:

18. Nathaniel Woodward, the elder, twenty and eight acres, bounded on the southeast with Anne Ormesby, the widow, on the northeast with the Cedar swamp, the southeast side extending 60 rods and the north west side 80 rods towards the southwest:

19. James Johnson eight acres bounded on the southeast with Nathaniel Woodward, being 80 rods in length; and on Nathaniel Heaton to the northwest:

20. Nathaniel Heaton twenty acres bounded on the southeast with James Johnson, being 80 rods in length and on Edmund Jackson to the northwest:

21. Edmund Jackson eight acres bounded on the southeast with Nathaniel Heaton and of the same length towards the northeast and on the north west with James Fitch and Richard Fitch and on the southwest with a swamp:

22. Richard Bulgar twenty acres bounded on the southeast with Edward Browne and on Mr. Coulborne on the northeast, with the Cedar Swamp and Nathaniel Woodward, the north west side being 80 rods in length:

23. Elizabeth Purton, widow eight acre bounded on the south east with Richard Bulgar and of the same length towards the south west and northeast and on William Salter towards the northwest:

24. William Salter eight acre bounded on the south east with widow Purton and of the same length to the southwest and north east and on William Wilson to the northwest.

25. William Wilson twelve acres bounded on the southeast with William Salter and of the same length to the south west and northeast and on William Townsend to the northwest:

26. William Townsend eight acre bounded to the southeast with William Wilson, on the northwest with a swamp, by Mr. John Coggeshall's wigwam and William Dyneley:

27. William Dyneley four and twenty acres bounded on the south east with William Townsend, and on the north east by the said swamp, extending to the southwest, about 40 rods in length and on Richard Tappin to the northwest:

28. Richard Tappin four and twenty acres bounded on the southeast with William Dyneley and on the northeast with the said Swamp, extending to the southwest about 40 rods in length and on the northwest to Newtowne, a small piece of land lying between.

29. Francis Bushnall four and twenty acres lying in the form of a triangle bounded on the south with William Coulborne and on the northeast with Richard Bulgar, Widow Purton and William Salter and on Henry Elkyn to the northwest:

30. Henry Elkyn eight acres bounded on the southeast with Francis Bushnall and on the southwest with Mr. William Coulborne; being about 70 rods in length and on Richard Fairbancke to the Northwest:

31. Richard Fairbancke four and twenty acres bounded on the southeast with Henry Elkyn and on the south end partly with Mr. William Coulborne, being 80 rods in length on the northwest side:

32. John Mylam, fourteen acres bounded on the southeast with Richard Fairbancke, being 80 rods in length to the southwest and northeast, and on Robert Walker to the northwest:

33. Robert Walker, fourteen acres bounded on the south east with John Mylam, on the northwest with James Davisse and a fresh marsh by Newtowne, being 80 rods in length to the southwest and Northeast:

34. James Davisse, ten acres bounded on the southeast with Robert Walker, on the north east with the said Fresh marsh extending from it to the southwest about 40 rods, on the northwest by Newtonne, about two acres of ground overplus between:

35. William Pell, five and twenty acres, bounded on the south west with Mr. William Coulborne and a brook running between Mr. John Cotton and him on the southwest side being 80 rods in length:

36. Robert Reynolds five and twenty acres bounded on the southeast with William Pell, and John Cranwell and George Baytes, on the Northwest with Newtonne, being on the northwest side, half a mile in length:

37. John Cranwell, ten acres bounded on the southeast with Mr. John Cotton, on the Northeast with the said fresh brook and on the northwest with Robert Reynolds and George Baytes:

38. George Baytes fifteen acres bounded on the northeast with John Cranwell, on the South east with Mr. John Cotton and on the North west with Robert Reynolds:

39. Philemon Pormont thirty acres bounded on the Northeast with John Cranwell, on the south east with Mr. Thomas Leveritt and by a piece of ground lying between him and Mr. John Cotton, on the Northwest with Newtowne:

40. Robert Mears twenty acres bounded on the Northeast with Mr. Thomas Olyver, on the south east with Roxbury and on the southwest with Captain John Underhill, his land lieth in the form of a triangle:

41. Edward Bendall, five and thirty acres bounded on the South east with Robert Mears, on the northeast with Mr. Thomas Leveritt, extending itself to the North west side about 70 rods in length and on Thomas Wardall to the south west:

42. Thomas Wardall twenty acres bounded on the southeast with Edward Bendall, on the North east with Mr. Leveritt, extending itself on the Northwest side 80 rods in length:

43. Mr. William Blackstone fifteen acres bounded on the Southeast with Thomas Wardall extending itself eighty rods in length to the southwest and Northeast and on Robert Tytus to the Northwest:

44. Robert Tytus twenty acres bounded on the Southeast with Mr. Blackstone; extending itself 80 rods in length towards the Southwest and Northeast and on William Courser to the Northwest:

45. William Courser, ten acres bounded on the southeast with Robert Tytus, being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast and on Alexander Winchester to the Northwest:

46. Alexander Winchester twenty acres bounded on the Southeast with William Courser, being 80 rods in length towards the Southwest and North east and on Henry Burchall to the Northwest:

47. Henry Burchall fifteen acres bounded on the Southeast with Alexander Winchester being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast and on Robert Turner to the Northwest:

48. Robert Turner ten acres bounded on the Southeast with Henry Burchall, on the Northwest with Newtowne being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast:

49. William Deming ten acres bounded on the Southeast with Roxbury, being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast and on John Arratt to the Northwest:

50. John Arratt, ten acres, bounded on the Southeast with William Deming being in length 80 rods to the Southwest and Northeast and on Captain John Underhill to the Northwest:

51. Captain John Underhill four score acres bounded on the Southeast with John Arratt being ninety two rods in length on the North west side:

52. William Talmadge fifteen acres bounded on the Southeast with Captain John Underhill, being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast and upon Thomas Snow on the Northwest:

53. Thomas Snow ten acres bounded on the Southeast with William Talmadge, being 80 rods in length to the Southwest and Northeast and upon Isaack Grosse on the Northwest:

54. Isaack Grosse fifty acres bounded on the Southeast with Thomas Snow, being 80 rods in length to the southwest and Northeast:

Mr. William Coulborne a hundred and fifty acres, bounded on the Northwest by Francis Bushnall, Henry Elkin, Richard Fairbanck and William Pell, to the west by William Pell, to the south by a fresh brook running between him and Mr. Cotton, to the Northeast by Edward Browne and to the East by Muddy River:

Mr. John Cotton, all the ground lying between the two brooks, next unto Mr. Coulborne's allotment, and so to the other end, unto the shortest cutting over beyond the hill towards the North west, containing two hundred and fifty acres, (be it more or less,) bounded on the North by the said fresh brook, on the West by John Cramme and George Baytes, on the South by a fresh brook running between him and Mr. Leveritt and on the East by Muddy River:

Mr. Thomas Leveritt a hundred acres bounded on the North by the said fresh brook running between him and Mr. Cotton, on the West by Edward Bendall and Philemon Pormout, on the South by Mr. Oliver, the east end being a sharp angle:

Thomas Oliver a hundred acres, bounded on the North with Mr. Leveritt, on the West with Robert Mears, on the South with Roxbury, the east end being a sharp angle:

Mr. Thomas Oliver fifteen acres of Marsh, bounded on the South with Muddy River, on the West with Jarratt Bourne, the browes of his upland being 80 rods in length, and on the North with Mr. Leveritt:

Mr. Thomas Leveritt fifteen acres of the same marsh next adjoining, bounded on the South with Mr. Oliver, on the west with the browes of the Upland there being 80 rods in length, and on the North with Mr. Coulborne:

Mr. William Coulborne ten acres of the same marsh, bounded on the South with Mr. Leveritt, on the West with browes of the Upland, there being 80 rods in length, and on the North with Robert Walker:

Robert Walker five acres of the same marsh bounded on the South with Mr. Coulborne on the West with the browes of the Upland there being 80 rods in length and ten rods broad:

And for the more clear distinctions of all these, the marks and limits of the surveyors are extant:

The 19th of the twelfth month, called February, 1637.—There is granted to John Love to have a houseplot and also a great lot at Muddy River:

Also, to Thomas Scottoe a great lot at Muddy River, for three heads:

Also, to brother Isaac Perry, a houseplot near to brother Robert Walker's and a great lot at Muddy River for two heads:

Also to Silvester Saunders a great lot at Muddy River for two heads:

Also to Ralph Mason a great lot at Muddy River for six heads:

The 16*th of the second Month called April* 1638.—Also a great lot is granted to Edmund Aronsby for three heads, at Muddy River:

Also to our brother, Thomas Wheeler, a great lot at Muddy River, for three heads:

Also, to Jacob Wilson a great lot there for three heads:

Also, to Mawdit Inge, a great lot there for three heads:

Also there is granted to William Hudson the younger, a great lot at Muddy River for three heads.

The 9*th of the fifth month called July*, 1638.—It was agreed that Robert Reynolds shall have five acres of Marsh ground at Muddy River in exchange for five acres of his upland there, to be laid out by Mr. Coulborne:

The 8*th of the* 8*th month* 1638.—At a meeting this day of Thomas Olyvar, Thomas Leveritt, Robert Keayne, William Coulborne, John Newgate, James Penne and Jacob Elyott, [Overseers of the town's occasions.]

There was granted to Mr. William Tinge the having of his great lot at Muddy River for eight persons and forty and two heads of cattle, in present possession and thirty heads to come, four hundred acres and an hundred more:

24*th day of the same* 10*th month.*—Also, Esdras Reade, a tailor is this day allowed to be an inhabitant, and to have a great lot at Muddy River, for four heads:

The 21 *of the* 11*th Month, January* 1638.—At a meeting this day of [the town's men] Leave was granted to John Odlyn to make use of a piece of marsh ground at Muddy River, containing an acre, lying against the third lot there until the town shall see occasion for further disposing of it:

Note. In one instance it is added "four acres upon a head."

Also, this day, our brother Robert Scott hath for the sum of 13£ 6s. sold 23 acres of upland at Muddy River, that was our brother Richard Fairbancks great allotment, unto our brother Thomas Savidge, his heirs and assigns forever :*

Further at the same meeting it appeared by a writing dated this same 18th day of 12th month 1638, that Thomas Scottow, of Boston, joiner, hath sold to Thomas Grubb of the same, all his six acres of ground, lying at Muddy River "adjoining to my mother's lot there and which I bought of her : "

The 25th day of the 1st Month called March 1639.—Our brother, Mr. Gryffen Bowen hath a great lot granted unto him at Muddy River,

Also our brother Richard Hollidge hath a great lot granted unto him there for three heads :

Further at this meeting it appeared by a writing, dated the first day of August 1638, that Mr. John Underhill hath surrendered unto Mr. Thomas Makepeace of Dorchester, his house in Boston, with an hundred acres of upland ground at Muddy River and ten acres of meadow or marsh ground there, and his share of woodland in the Islands, with a garden at the house and another behind Mr. Parker's house, to the quantity of half an acre and somewhat more, and also near half an acre upon the forte hill, for the sum of an hundred pounds :

It is also ordered that the corn field fence at Muddy River shall be made sufficient before the 20th of this next 2nd month, April, upon penalty of every rod then undone 6S. 8d. and to be seen unto by our brethren John Audlyn and Edward Baytes, and for the charge of the fence, the broken up ground to pay for every acre three thirds thereof, and the unbroken up two thirds of the charge of every acre.

The 29 of the 5th month, July 1639.—There is granted a great lot to our brother John Smyth, tailor, at Muddy River, for three heads :

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* First instance of a sale of land at Muddy River.

Also, John Leveritt hath granted unto him a great lot at Muddy River for ten heads:

30*th Sept.* 1639.—Also, to Mr. David Offley a great lot at Muddy River for 15 heads:

The 28*th day of the* 9*th month October* 1639.—Also a great lot granted to our brother Nathaniel Woodward, at Muddy River for 3 heads:

The 30*th day of the* 10*th month*, *December* 1639.—There is granted to Richard Sherman a great lot at Muddy River, for seven heads, if it be there to be had:

Also, our brother John Kenricke hath a great lot allowed to him at Muddy River for four heads:

Also our brother George Curtys hath a great lot granted to him there for 2 heads:

At this day it was agreed that 500 acres at Muddy River for perpetual commonage to the inhabitants there and the town of Boston, to begin at the outer bounds of Mr. Hibbin's lot and so to go into the country, as the land will afford, before any other allotments are laid out hereafter:

Whereas at a former meeting there was granted to our brother Thomas Scottoe a great lot at Muddy River for three heads, which as yet have not been laid out, for him and that now he is increased to five heads, he is therefore now allowed to have said lot for five heads:

27*th day of the* 11*th month* 1639.—Also to Henry Messenger a great lot at Muddy River for two heads:

Also to our brother Joshua Scottoe a great lot there for three heads:

Also to Thomas Painter, joiner, a great lot at Muddy River, for 4 heads:

Also, there is further granted to Mr. William Ting, in regard that his great lot at Muddy River is not yet laid out, nor could be in regard to the bounders between Boston and Roxbury were but lately determined, and that now the number of his persons and cattle are increased, there is further granted to him an hundred acres more, to be laid unto his lot formerly granted, The brethrens lots and the commons there already granted being first laid out:

Also, there is granted to our elder Mr. Thomas Olyvar all the fresh meadow belonging to Boston, lying under the foot of the great hill at Muddy River, next Newtown bounds there:

Also there is granted to Mr. William Coulbron a parcel of fresh meadow adjoining to the little fresh brook parting between us and Newtown bounds at Muddy River and running into Charles River there:

The 24th day of the 12th month February 1639.—Also, there is granted to William Blanton carpenter, a great lot at Muddy River for 3 heads.

Also there is granted to Leonard Buttles bricklayer, a great lot at Muddy River for 4 heads:

Also there is granted to old Robert Wing a great lot at Muddy River for 4 heads:

The 30th day of the 1st month, March 1640.—It is ordered that Mr. William Coulbron and Jacob Elyott shall set out to brother John Odlin such quantity of marsh ground at Muddy River as they shall think convenient for him, and shall certify the same at the next town's meeting, that a price may be set of the same, upon payment whereof, the said marsh ground to be granted to the said John Odlyn and to his heirs forever:*

Also William Colbron and Jacob Elyott are appointed to lay out the Highways at Muddy River towards Cambridge:†

The 27 day of the 2nd month, April 1640.—At a meeting this day of Mr. John Winthrop, Governor, Mr. Richard Bellingham, Assistant, Captain Edward Gibbons, Mr. William Colbron, Mr. William Ting, Mr. John Cogan and Jacob Eliott. It was ordered:

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* First instance of selling land at Muddy River by the government.

† First record of laying out of highways at Muddy River.

First, that William Hibbins should have his great lot at Muddy River (if it be there to be had,) as near his land he bought as may be, without wrong to others, and to this end Mr. Colebron and Goodman Eliott are to view the place and certify to the next meeting what may be done:

Edward Grosse is granted a lot for two heads at Muddy River, if it be there to be had after former grants are served:

John Odlin is to have 8 acres of Marsh at Muddy River for 4£ which he paid down and Edward Grubb six acres there for 3£ and Benjamin Gillum 10 acres for 5£ and John Davis 8 acres for 4£, to be set out by Mr. Coleburne and Goodman Eliott after Mr. Hibbins is served:

The 25*th of the* 3*d month called May* 1640.*—To William Hibbins is granted a parcel of meadow at Muddy River, containing by estimation about 10 acres, inclosed by a great swamp on the one side and great Rocks on the other, provided it falls not in any former grant; if we can better accommodate him hereafter, he is content to resign this again:

The 31*st of the* 6*th month* 1640.—Theodore Atkinson is granted his great lot for two heads, at Muddy River, if it be there to be had after others are served that had their grants before him:

The 26*th of the* 8*th month* 1640.—There is sold to our brother John Odlin one acre and half of Marsh at Muddy River adjoining to eight acres formerly granted and sold to him for which he hath paid in hand 15S:

Also at the same meeting our brother Thomas Grubb and our brother Garrett Broorne are appointed overseers of the fence at Muddy River in the common field to see it made by the first of April and in default of every rod not then repaired and made, the owners of the said land are to forfeit 3S. 4d per rod and the said overseers shall have power from the town's men to distrain for such moneys so growing due :*

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*Also John Palmer, carpenter, now dwelling here, is to be allowed an inhabitant, if he can get an house or land to set an house upon, (it being not proper to allow a man an inhabitant without habitation:)

Our brother Peter Oliver hath granted unto him sixty acres of land at Muddy River, if it be there to be had, of the which there is granted some marsh, if there be any there, always provided that those grants before granted are first served :

Our brother James Oliver hath granted to him 40 tie acres at Muddy River, if it be there to be had when those afore granted are served :

There is at this meeting a bridge appointed to be made at Muddy River Mr. Coleburne, our brother Eliott and our brother Peter Oliver are appointed to see the same done.

There is likewise granted, this day, to William Hibbins, three hundred acres of land at Muddy River, bounded by Cambridge line on the one side, Mr. William Ting's on the other side and Dedham line on the other, with the ordinary allowance for rocks &c :

Our brother John Biggs hath sold unto him 4 acres of marsh, at Muddy River, for 10s. per acre, the former grants being made good :

Our brother William Talmage being laid out short of his former grant at Muddy River hath granted him to be added thereto, five acres if it may be laid out adjoining to his former grant and bounding upon Cambridge line :

Also hath granted him 3 acres of marsh at Muddy River, paying therefor 10s. per acre if it be there to be had when former grants are performed :

Our brother Edward Fletcher hath granted him a great lot at Muddy River for three heads, the which is supposed was formerly granted to him :

It is ordered at this present meeting that there shall be no more land granted at Muddy River nor the Mount until such lands as are already granted are laid out, and the residue of the land known what the acres are:

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* First officers and by-law specially provided for Muddy River.

The last day of the 9th month 1640.—Mr. William Ting, his allotment formerly granted him at Muddy River containing 600 acres in all, is thus bounded, namely, with lands as yet in common towards the Northeast with Roxbury land towards the Southeast, with Dedham land towards the Southwest and with land granted to William Hibbins towards the Northwest:

28th of the 10 *month* 1640.—Our brother Mr. Wentworth Day, his suit for a lot at Muddy River:

Our brother Day desireth at Muddy River to have a lot and the towns men have taken it into consideration:

The townsmen have taken into consideration likewise the suit of Miles Tarne for a lot for five heads:

The 22d of the last month 1640.—Brother Courser of Boston hath sold and resigned up his lot at Muddy River, it being 10 acres, to our brother Alexander Beck of the same town:

29th of the First month 1641.—It is granted that those lots formerly granted to our two Elders Mr. Oliver and Mr. Leveritt in the full proportion of land as it now lieth, shall by this order be confirmed unto them, although their lots do amount to a greater quantity of land than was intended at the granting thereof:

The 26th of the 2nd month 1641.—Our brother Mr. Wentworth Day hath granted unto him 100 acres of land for his great lot at Muddy River, out of a part of that land which was appointed for the Commons:

There is granted to our brother Henry Webb to purchase 3 acres of marsh at Muddy River if it be there to be had:

William Hibbins hath confirmed unto him that fresh marsh which was formerly granted him, at Muddy River, valued at 10 acres formerly but proveth to be about 18 acres bounded with a rocky piece one side and a great swamp on the other:

31st of the 3d month.—Our brother Turner is granted that land which lieth between his lot and Cambridge new line so far as the length of his lot reacheth, it lying along by the side thereof and no further:

To our brother Thomas Scottna is granted a small quantity of salt marsh lying between his great lot and Charles River.

The 7th of the 12th month 1641.—There is granted unto Robert Reynolds three acres of Marsh at Muddy River for which he is to pay six shillings eight pence unto the town, according to what he should have paid for that parcel of marsh which was to be purchased by him at Hog Island but is now sold unto Thomas Marshall:

This 4th of 1st mo. 1642.—At a general town meeting upon lawful warning, It's ordered that the residue of the town Lands not yet disposed of (excepting those that are layd out for comons at Boston, Braintry and muddy river) shall be divided amongst the present Inhabitants (together with such as shall be admitted within two months now next following) and yt in ys manner, vizt. a greater Proportion to ym, yt, have had lesse than their due, and the lesse to them that have had more and proportionable to ym, that have had none and this is to be done by ye Select men chosen for the town businesse.*

28th 1st mo. 1642.—John Bigs and William Biscoe are appointed overseers of the common fence at Muddy River, according to the order made on the 26th of 8th mo. 1640.

25 *of* 5, '42.—Wm. Tynge, Treasr. Wm. Colbron, and John Oliver are appointed to join with Dedham Cambridge and Watertown to lay out the highways from town to town through Boston lands at muddy river, as also to lay out more private wayes there with landing places or otherwise:

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* First use of the term Selectmen.

10 *of the 11th month* 1641.—It is ordered that the constables shall pay unto Robert Turner for diet for the Townsmen 2£ 18s.

It is ordered that Deer Island shall be improved for the maintainance of a free school for the town:

1641.—The townsmen of Boston fixed the wages on public work at 1s 6d per day, or half a bushel of corn.

The 26 *of the* 10*th month* 1642.—Wm. Briscoe and Peter Oliver are appointed to oversee the common fence at muddy river.

1647.—Wm. Briscoe and Ralph Root are to see to ye making up of ye fence at muddy river:

The 26 *of the* 12*th month* 1648.—It is ordered that Jacob Eliot shall have the swamp that joineth to his allotment at Muddy River next to Cotton Flax's house by the common field, reserving liberty to cut hedging wood in it for the common fence that runneth through the said swamp:

24*th of the* 9*th month* 1651.—Mr. Davis, Peter Oliver and Edward Devotion and Henry Stebons are chosen to go the bounds of the town betwixt Braintree Cambridge, Dedham and that way:

The 23*d of the* 12 *month* 1651.—Jarratt Borne complaining that Ralph Root makes use of his marsh at Muddy River which was formerly granted to Jacob Eliot as appeareth by the Record the first of the 5th month 1637, for the deciding the bounds thereof, Deacon Marshall, Ensign Oliver and Peter Oliver are chosen to view the ground and make return thereof forthwith:

John Audlin brought a certificate of the bounds of nine acres of marsh he bought of the town the 27th of the 2nd month 1640 as follows, one parcel one acre more or less bounding on the east on Muddy River; on the south upon the old Landing place, on the west on the allotment of Benjamin Ward, John Craine and Robert Houlton; on the north the marsh of Elder Oliver; the other parcel, being eight acres, more or less, in the great marsh, on the east the allotment of Mr. Hibbins; on the south on Muddy River, on the west on the marsh lot of Elder Oliver; on the North upon the marsh of Mr. Cotton:

The 8*th of the* 1*st month* 1651–2.—Constable for Muddy River, John Kenrick:

Note. 28*th* 1*st mo.* 1640.—It is ordered that the constables shall pay unto Robert Turner for diet beer and fire for the Selectmen 18s.

23*d of the* 1st *mo.* 1646.—The Selections of town officers is made annual, the town meeting to be on the second 2d day of the 1st month, [March] to meet at 8 a. m.

1651-2.—For Surveyor of the highways for Muddy River Peter Aspinwall:

The 26 *of the 2nd month* 1652.—It is ordered that William Beamsley and Jarratt Bourne shall see the general fence at Muddy River shall be put into repair according to order of court; in the absence of either of the two above mentioned, Alexander Beck is appointed to supply the place:

30*th* 6*th mo.*—Mr. Edward Hutchinson and Thomas Marshall, Lieutenant James Johnson and Sargent Peter Oliver are appointed to view the lands at Muddy River for the laying out of a highway into the marsh and to make return thereof to the next townmeeting:

14 *of the* 1*st mo.* 1652-3.—John Doolittle, constable at Muddy River.

The 28 *of the* 1*st month* 1653.—It is ordered that Maclin Knight of Boston and Nathaniel Wilson of Muddy River are chosen overseers of the fence at Muddy River according to law provided in that case:

30 *of the* 11*th mo.* 1653.—It is ordered that Alexander Beck and Edward Devotion shall oversee the fences at Muddy River, and give warning to the owners of the several fences that they be made sufficient betwixt this and the 25th of the first month, and so keep in sufficient repair from time to time according to order as in that case is provided:

12*th* 1 *month* 53-4.—Jarratt Bourne, constable.

27 *of the* 1*st month* 1654.—Mr. William Davis and Mr. Peter Oliver, John White and Peter Aspinwall are chosen to join with Cambridge to lay out a high way through Muddy River to Cambridge:

Mr. James Oliver and Robert Turner are appointed to run the line betwixt Cambridge and Roxbury and the Town of Boston in perambulation.

28 *of the* 9*th month* '54.—Edward Devotion is chosen constable, in the room of Jarratt Bourne:

1655.—John White chosen constable for Muddy River.

30th of the 1st month.—Perambulators for muddy river.—Captain James Oliver, Lieutenant Robert Turner, John Hull, Jacob Eliot, Peter Oliver and John White are chosen to run the line between Cambridge and Boston and Roxbury and Boston at Muddy River:

order for the comon field at muddy river.—Alexander Beck and Ralph Root are authorized to oversee the fence in the common field at Muddy River and have power to choose out of the proprietors meet men to attend that work from time to time:

27 : 2 : 55.—It is ordered that the wife of Piggott shall be forthwith sent to Muddy River to her husband by the constable:

28, 3, 1655.—At a meeting this day of Mr. Wm. Brenton, Mr. Sam. Cole, Mr. Wm. Paddy, Capt. James Olliver, Mr. Peter Olliver & Wm. Davis.

Whereas ye last running of ye head line att muddy river between Boston & Cambridg was not determined to mutual satisfaction, itt is now agreed yt ye line shall be run again between us & ye issue of ye case to be in ye determination of Lieut. Fisher & those sent by the town wth Mr. Jackson for Cambridge wch shall be done wth convenient speed:

10, 1, 55 (56].—Constables chosen, for Rumney marsh & muddy river, William Ireland and Henry Stevens:

25, 11, 56.—Robert Harris of muddy river in consideration of two high wayes taken outt of his land, hath 4 acres of land granted him outt of ye towns waste land most convenient for him, & mr. peter olliver is ordered to lay itt out.

9, 1, $\frac{56}{57}$.—muddy river, Thomas Gardiner for constable:

10, 1, $\frac{56}{57}$.—Whereas divers inhabitants among us have formerly had grants of land for great lotts lying at mount wallasten & muddy river, whch sd lands have long since been laid outt unto them, ye sd lands lying in comon wth ye townes lands and bounding upon ye sd lands; Itt is ordered yt all such persons (ye townes occasions

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William Davis, Treasur and Recorder.

now calling for ye improvement of their own waste land & being about to dispose of ye same) shall upon the third third day in ye second month next ensuing goe their bounds between theirs and ye townes lands wth those duputed by ye towne thereunto & yt upon ye penalty prefixed by law fol. 4.

Itt is further ordered yt all such persons as can lay any just clayme to any lands or lotts in ye foresd places granted to them by ye towne, butt nott yett laid outt, they shall repayre to ye Select men betweene this and ye 26th of ye next month & make good their clayme & title to ye same upon ye penalty of forfeiture of ye sd grants:

30, 1, 1657.—Elder Colbron, Peter Olliver, Mr. Wm. Paddy Jacob Eliot are desired to attend [to ye perambulation of the coast lands and ye lotts laid out] at muddy river and likewise ye laying out of the High way to Watertown mill.

6 of 2d.—Notice given both to Watertown and Cambridge that they might depute some to joyne with ours deputed to lay outt a high way from muddy river to watertown mill, and upon ye 21st of this 2nd month it was (by partys deputed by the sd towns) performed, the sd way is four rods in Breadth and directed by markt trees.

25, 3, 57.—Ens. Hull & Wm. Davis are appointed to view ye cedar swmpes att muddy river & to report wt they judge them worth to bee rented for by ye year or otherwise as may be most to ye townes advantage.

31, 3, 58.—Itt is ordered yt, wt, marshes about this neck cannott be fed and are capable of mowing shall be lett out for mowing by ye towne Treasurer, for the townes use.

as also to improve the cedar Swamp att muddy river for wt grass may be cutt therein.

29, 4, 58.—The Cedar swamp at Muddy river is lett to Ralph Mason his heyers & assignes for fifty yeares next ensuing after the first of March next, in consideration whereof hee shall pay yearly every first of march, fourty shillings in wheat and pease proportionably, & hee is to pay fourty shillings for this sumer and a fayre livery cupboard for ye towne house.

28, 12, 1658.—Att a meeting of Ens. Jno. Hull, Jos scottow, Mr. Jacob Sheafe, Tho Lake & Wm. Davis

Whereas a high way was laid outt att muddy river, as by a record dated June 8 1658 through the land of Jno. White att muddy river & so by Tho. Gardners to ye farme of Isaac Stedman, itt is hereby declared yt, ye said way, so laid out shall be reputed ye townes highway & the other way in ye law is hereby relinquished. And itt shall bee lawfull for ye said Jno White either to fence out ye sd high way or else to sett up gates such as may bee easy for opening to travellers & if any leave ye sd gates open att any time they shall pay five shillings for every defect being legally convicted thereof.

14, 1, $\frac{58}{59}$.—Winchester, constable for muddy river.

31, 1, 59.—Att a meeting of Mr. Thos. Broughton Mr. Tho. Lake, Mr. Hezekiah Usher, Ens. Jno. Hull & Wm. Davis.

Upon information yt Jno. White at muddy river hath stopt up the highway yt was laid out through his fields wth a stone wall, Itt is ordered yt ye Treasurer shall issue forth a warrant for a fine of twenty shillings for his offence, to bee levied by distress, by ye constable, and so from day to day, twenty shillings till ye sd White open the way again.

2d 3d $\frac{1659}{1660}$.—Whereas the constables of muddy river and Rumney marsh have not cleared their accotts wth ye towne Treasurer att this day, there is hereby granted them one month more to effect the same wch if longer deferred they are to serve in ye place of constables another year, but in case they issue all accotts wth in a month, then to bee discharged and to succeede them in their places Ben childs for muddy river Jno. Grover for Rumney marsh.*

**origin of the office of moderator.*

13: 4: 59.—It is ordered yt there be a Moderator chosen annually to regulate publick towne meetings and for this present year, William Davis is chosen.

31, 10, 60.—Upon consideration of ye greatt expenses Ralph Mason & his associates have been att already and are like further to bee att in subduing the Cedar swamp att muddy river, Itt is agreed yt ten years shall bee added to their lease upon ye same rent mentioned therein.

25, 12, 60.—Whereas a high way was laid outt through ye land of John White at muddy river whereby he pretends much damage, Itt is therefore ordered yt his proportion of ordinary rates to towne and country for ye four next years shall be allowed him by the towne which allowance is accepted by ye sd White for full satisfaction.

March 11, $\frac{1660}{1661}$.—Robert Harris (constable) at muddy river, Jno. White Surveyor of high wayes, Muddy river.

25, 1, 1661.—Sargeant Tho: Clarke, Theodore Atkinson Henry Stevens, Ed. Devotion, John odlin & Ed. Cowell are chosen for preambulation betweene muddy river & Cambridg & between muddy river & Roxbury.

It is ordered yt ye constable of muddy River seize ye rayles & payles left on ye comon by Lieut. Remington & to dispose of them to ye Townes Treasurers order—

Peter Olliver & Peter Aspinwall are deputed to joyne wth Cambridge men to lay outt a high way from muddy river to Cambridge.

It is ordered yt ye surveyors of ye high wayes att muddy river shall forthwth repayre ye high way to water-towne mill where itt is defective.

8, 2, 61.—Att a General Townes-meeting upon publick notice from house to house.

upon ye petition of Lieut. Robt. Turner and Peter Olliver respecting ye Cedar Swamp at muddy River wch was lett to them by Lease; yt ye sd Lease may bee for ever, Itt is ordered ye propriety of ye sd swamp shall belong to ye sd ptyes for ever upon ye paymt of ye Rent mentioned in ye former lease.

10 : 1 : 1661-2.— John Stedman Senr. constable, muddy river. Peter Aspinwall, surveyor of high ways.

26, 3, 62.—Allex. Beck is ordered to see to ye execution of ye order about swine at Muddy river.

26, 11, 62.—Capt. Thomas Savage, Capt. Wm. Davis Edward Ramsford are appointed to meet att John White's house at Muddy Ryver on the sixteenth day of February next, who have power to treat and conclude according to law with such persons whom the town of Cambridge shall thereto send about the common highway betwixt Boston and Cambridg & make return of the same.

William Parker ; John Pearepoint Thomas Weld are made choice of by the Selectmen of Boston to meett att the same place and time to joyne with the persons above mentioned for the concluding and determining the high wayes between Boston & Cambridge.

16, 12 : 62.—According to Town order Capt. Thomas Savage Capt. William Davis and Mr. Edward Ramsford met at John White's house, with Mr. Stedman, Mr. Tho. Thomas Fox and Edward Sheppard owning themselves a committee sent by the town of Cambridge, who, declaring all former propositions or conclusions about the way in question null. After view of the several ways by them selves and allso theare ffrends of Roxbury and debate of the matter the committees for the towns of Boston and Cambridge not agreeing the committee for the towne of Boston according to law referred its determination to William Parks, John Pearpoint, Thomas Weld, They being chosen for the next town of Roxbury.

6, 12, 62.—we William Parke, Peirpoint and Thomas Weld, chosen to determine the highway, leading from Cambridge through Boston bounds, the committee between the two towns not agreeing doe conclude that the said way shall goe without the common feild by Goodman Devotions and Goodman Stevens houses and soe to Cambridge bounds as the ould way now runneth, whereunto the committee of Boston concurred having left the same unto us in wittnes whereof the committee subscribed their hands as apeares by the originall.

2, 1, $\frac{62}{63}$.—Edw. Devotion constable for Muddy Ryver, John Moore Surveyor of highways.*

30 : 1 : 63.—Alexander Beck is authorized to put in execution the order [concerning swine] at Muddy Ryvur.

March 14, 1663-4.—John Moore, constable for Muddy River ——Aspinwall, surveyor of highways.

28, 1, 64.—Mr. Tho. Brattle, Lieut. Turner, Arthur Masson, Edward Devotion, John White are chosen for perambulation between Muddy Ryver and Cambridge and between Muddy River and Roxbury.

March 13, $\frac{64}{65}$.—Nathaniel Stedman, constable for Muddy Ryver, Thomas Gardner, surveyor.

29, 11, 65.—Jacob Eliot, for and in consideration of part of his land laid out for the high way to Cambridge and looking after the bounds of the comon lands att Muddy River hath liberty to make use of sd common att the great pond for the space sevven yeares.

March 12, $\frac{65}{66}$.—Nathan, Stedman, constable for Muddy Ryver, Thomas Gardner, surveyor.

March 11, $\frac{66}{67}$.—John White Senr. Constable for Muddy Ryver, Edward Kibby, surveyor of highways.

4, 1, 67.—Mr. John Hull, Jacob Eliott, Theophilus Freieye, Thomas Gardner, Petter Aspinwall are chosen perambulators for the bounds between Muddy River and Roxbury; and Cambridge.

29, 5, 67.—Whereas John White of Muddy Ryver hath preferred a complaint against James Pemberton for setting up a gate in the high way by the bridge between the said John White and Pemberton. We judge the said complaint groundless for as much as

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**March* 14, 1663.—For the more deliberate and orderly carrying on the affairs of the town, it is ordered that henceforth there shall be no alteration made in the way of elections, or other matters of moment and public concournment that hath not been duly considered of and proposed at a publick town meeting orderly called before the meeting where the final determination shall be putt to vote.

that for many years before and some time sense John White's dwelling there a gate was erected and allowed in or near that same place and we see no cause to accept against it.

16 *March*, 166⅞.—Peter Aspinwall, constable Muddy Rieur. James Pemmerton, surveyor of high ways.

[Recorder—John Jolliffe.]

30, 1, 1668.—At a meeting of Peter Oliver, John Richards Edward Raynsford, Hezekiah Usher. & John Joyliffe, for perambulation for Muddy River Cambridge & Roxberry, are chosen Mr. John Hull, Mr. Jacob Eliot & Mr. Edward Conell. John White Senr. and Ralph Masen are appointed to be surveyors for the ffence of ye comon ffeild at Muddy River.

*Bounds of Muddy River and Cambridge.**—An acct. of the Bounds line betweene Cambridge and Bostone at Muddy river, vizt. the south west line of it was agreed unto by Messengers from both townes and an Do 1658, and hath been since continued and was now also viewed and aproved by the subscribers, runing along from the sea by a Brooke called Smelt Brooke.

The first tree we found in ye said Smelt Brooke is marked with B. for Bostone and C. for Cambridge and is 1° a white Swamp wood by some called a plumb tree.

2 beyond the meadow a little walnut

3 a Red oake marked B. C.

4 a Red oake beyond the next yd of meadow.

5 a white oake B. C.

6 a wal nutt

7 a white oake B. C.

8 a Red oake a greate one—

9 a white oake by a heape of Stones then a little water course.

**March* 15, 1668-9.—Capt. Thomas Savage, Capt. Thomas Clarke, Edward Hutchinson Mr. Anthony Stoddar, Mr. Jeremiah Houchings, Mr. John Weswall were chosen a committee to draw instructions for the Selectmen to attend the yeare ensueinge; and ordered that in the meane time, the former shall remaine in force and be theire direction.

10 a little walnutt
11 a walnutt
12 a red oake upon a rocke
13 a White oake upon a rocke
14 a white oake
15 a white oake neere the way to wat: towne
16 a heap of stones—from the rocky hill & forwards above halfe a mile we were not very cleare of ye line & left it as we found it
17 a dead walnutt
18 a white oake
19 a walnut neare a running water
20 a swamp tree in the runn
21 a greate white oake
22 a great white oake B. C.
23 Lt. Turnrs. corner post
24 a white oake wth B. C. cut is twice
25 cutt downe, alsoe anothr B. C. then a rivulet.
26 a red oake
27 a walnutt
28 a red oake
29 a chest nutt by ye ash swamp
30 beyond the ash swamp severall great trees then a running water.
31 some small walnutts then another running water
32 an ash
33 a black oake then a swampe
34 alonge the swamp some ash trees
35 a maple—36 a walnutt
37 beyond Mr. Hamonds a white oake B. C.
38 a swamp & severall marked trees therein
39 a greate white oake 40 a red oake
41 a Cedar Swampe 42 a red oake

43 a red oake B. C. 44 a walnutt.
45 a red oake 46 a red oake
47 a little swampe 48 a wte oake
49 a greate white oake
50 a swampe & a little meadowe
51 a great Chestnutt & wte oake togeather
52 a maple 53 a swampe
54 a wte & blacke oake neare togeathr
55 a red oake wth B. C.
56 a meadow & a white oake
57 a greate white oake
58 a little walnutt 59 a walnutt
60 a blk oake (ō) swampe & a meadowe
61 a blk oake
62 a heape of stones by ye meadowe in wch meadowe in the Corn. Stake

The head line wch is neare a north west and a south east line we now found as sett.

63 a small whte oake 64 a small blk oake
65 a small walnutt
66 a walnutt & heape of Stones
67 a small walnutt
68 a small walnutt and heape of stones
69 a black oake
70 a maple a small meadow & a swampe
71 a blk oake 72 a blk oake
73 an Elme & a stony swampe
74 a walnutt 75 a blk oake
76 a heape of Stones 77 a greate wte oake B. C.
78 a greate cedar Swampe
79 a small white oake 80 a whe oake
81 a greate rock upon a rocke noe bound mark cut about the line

82 a wte oake   83 a wte oake
84 a walnutt   85 a blk oake dead at top
86 a wte oake   87 a wte oake
88 a white oake   88 a blk oake
90 a small blk oake   91 a great walnutt
92 a walnutt
93 a maple swampe a birch tree with a dry top
94 a birch with B. C. R.

The marked trees in the first line some of us took formerly in the year 1658 and we found the same now onely some few trees are cut down wch makes us to think it will be good ye next perambulation to appoint more persons from each towne yt they may laye more heapes of stones wch the law alsoe enjoyneth.

Roxberry men could not attend it we had the compa. of our hon'd Major Genl. Leveret to whome ourselves & the towne owe thankfull acknowledgement. We subscribe ourselves your servts.

JOHN HULL
JACOB ELIOT
EDWARD CONELL

30, 10, 1668.—At a meeting of all the Select men of this Towne, this day a rate of seaven hundred and seventie pounds thirteen shillings for ye countrie and towne occasions was delivered to the towne constables, and a rate for Rumney Marsh of thirtie foure pounds and for Muddy river twentie pounds five shillings delivered to the constables of each place signed by the select men.

22, 12, '68–9.—Granted to James Clarke of Muddy River all the wood on an acre of Land or there about, which butts upon the Land of John Winchestr on the east the lands of Hugh Clarke south west Joseph Buckmastr north and Griffin Craft on ye west.

March 15, 166$\frac{8}{9}$

James Pemberton, Constable, Muddy river, Edward Kibby surveyor.

Upon a publique meetinge of the Inhabitants upon lawful warninge from house to house were chosen for the yeare ensuing as followeth.

Constable.—James Pemberton, for Muddy river

Surveyer.—Edward Kibby for Muddy river

Ordered that the constable of Muddy river and Rumney marsh* shall be chosen by lifting up of hands and yt the next yeare before the day of publique election, the select men apoint the Inhabitants of Muddy river and Rumney Marsh to meete together & nominate constables & other officers proper for each place and the present constables bringe in their names to the next publique meeting on ye day of election there to be put to vote.

9, 10, 1669.—This day a rate for the collectinge of seaven hundred twentie seaven pounds three shillings for the countrie, county and towne occasions was deliver to the foure constables of Bostone, the constable of Rumney Marsh & Muddy River.

28, 12, 1669.— At a meeting of John Joyliffe Capt. James Olliver, Mr. John Richards, Mr. Hezekiah Usher, Capt. Tho. Lake, Mr. Edward Raynesford Capt. Peter Olliver—This order is given,

to Richard Taylr & the constables of Rumney Marsh & Muddy river to warne their ffreemen to meete upon ye 7th 1° next for Nomination of Magestrates, Election of Countie Treasurer & deputies of ye generall Court—& to warne the Inhabitants to meete the 14th of the same month for election of Selectmen, Constables &c.

" Left to the consideration of the towne against ye next yeare whether they will have six constables in Bostone."

28, 12, 1669.—Whereas upon the first day of May last the Selectmen went to Muddy river upon the request of Goodman Harris and others of his neighbors to view the way through Mr.

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*Rumney Marsh—Chelsea.

Note—"given libertie to Mrs. Conygnue and Returne Molins to burn charcole on the hearth till they can provide better for themselves."

Bowens ground leadinge to the comon lands, It is ordered that there be free egresse and regresse through the said land by gates to be opened for driveing of carts & cattle thereby.

March 14*th* 166$\frac{9}{70}$.—At a public meetinge of the Inhabitants of Bostone upon lawfull warninge from house to house were chosen for the yeare ensuinge—

Constable.—for Muddy River, Thomas Gardner.

Surveyor.—John Winchester Senr.

26, 10, 1670.—Let to Edward Miles of Muddy river a parcel of land to build a house on at Roxberry gate—from the highway next the sd gate backe to the fence of Mr. Alcockes marsh, from the gate along the highway towards Boston twenty rod & from thence back to the said fence of Mr. Alcockes being about seven rods to enjoy the same, during his life, at his death to return to the town, with all the buildings and fenceing on it. Edward Miles hath liberty granted him to cut timber upon the townes waste grounds at Muddy river for buildinge and fencinge on the towne lands at Roxberry gate.

It is ordered that noe person or persons whatsoever fell any tree or trees upon any of the comon ground belonginge to this towne at Braintray, Muddy river or elsewhere without the consent of the Selectmen upon the penaltie of five shillings for every tree soe feld, one halfe thereof to be paid to the Informr. the other half to the treasurer of the towne.*

16, 11, 167$\frac{0}{1}$.—This day a rate of ffour hundreds ninety three pounds twelve shillings for the countrie and Townes occasions was committed to the constables of Boston, and a rate of fourteene pounds twelve to the constable of Muddy river.

13, 1, 167$\frac{0}{1}$.—were chosen for the year ensueinge

Constable.—ffor Muddy River, Edward Devotion.

Surveyor.—for Muddy River John White.

Note—Ordered that the paving of the streets be left to the consideration of the town against the next yeare.

*The first instance I find of giving a portion of the fine to the informer.

27, 1, 1671.—Mr. John Hull, Deacon Jacob Eliott, Mr. Thomas Brattle and John White are appointed perabulators for Muddy river Betweene Bostone, Roxbery and Cambridge.

31, *5th* 1671.—Laid out a high way the 30th of June last at Muddy River which was two rods broad from Thomas Boyelstones alonge by Moses Crafts to Clement Corbins and from thence to the comon the same breadth, one halfe to be allowed by Corbin the other haafe by Nathaniell Wilsen.

2ndly A way to runn from the said high way through Joseph Whites and soe two Moses Crafts & alonge through John Asors land and to take of Thomas Boylstones stone wall to a marked tree & soe toe run without the resk of the wall through all the lotts two Rods in breadth as marked out to the end of the fence till it comes to Cambridge line.

3dly a way from the comon Road turninge in at Joseph Whites ground and to range with the fence of Moses Crafts in the field and soe to run nearest on a straight line as marked out till it come to Mr. Hulls fence and soe turn to the right hand one rod within the fence and as much wth out till it comes to a stake marked R: T. then turns to the left and runs straight to Cambridge line, the breadth of all the way is to be two rodd and more to be allowed where necessary.

7th 6th 1671.—It is ordered that Mr. Edward Rainsford, Capt. Thomas Savage & Capt. Edward Huchinson are to be joyned with the Selectmen as a committee to hear and consider who are the proprieters of the comons about the towne, or the wast lands at Braintray & Muddy river—& that if any person lay any claime thereto they make thiere right appeare to the said Comittee at or before the first day of December next, other wise they lose their title thereto.

7th 10th 1671.—This day a rate was committed to the constables of Bostone for the collectinge of six hundred and ffortie pounds for the countries and townes occasions—to the constable of Muddy river for twentie one pounds five shillings.

[Signed by the Selectmen.]

11, 1, $167\frac{1}{2}$.—were made choyce of for the yeare ensueing,
Constable for Muddy River Henery Steephens
Surveyor—John White Senr.

6*th* 3*d* 1672.—The question being put, who are the proprietors of the waste lands of Braintrie, Rumney Marsh or Muddie river, according to order of towne 4th 1st $16\frac{4}{4}\frac{1}{2}$ in the old booke of Records fol. 59, It was resolved upon the question that all the Inhabitants that were in the towne the 4th of the 3d mo. 1642 their heires and successors have the true right and are the sole proprietors of such lands according to ye said towne ordr.

28*th* 4*th* 1672.—Whereas some differences have been amonge the proprietors of the comon field at Muddy river referring to a high way from the ffield gate to Charles river:

It is ordered that the said high way shall lie from ye said gate as now it is till it come to the ditch & fence cast up before Capt. Hulls & the widdow Minotts land and the land of juball Seaver & thence to goe on within the sd ffence & ditch next the uplands and soe forward till it comes to Charles River. The sd way to be made passable at the charge of John White, Thomas Gardner and Compa. who Butt upon the said ffence upon the marsh side—and that the whole way be two rodds in breadth throughout—and whereas there was land allowed for a landinge place for wood at rivers side in the land now possest by John Sharpe,

It is ordered that the said Sharpe allow the use of the said land for ye ends aforesaid at ye place comonlie called Mr Cottons landing place.

10*th March* $167\frac{2}{3}$.—Muddy River, constable John Winchester Senr.

Surveyor for Muddy River, John Sharpe.

Order about Muddy River & Rumney Marsh.—That they have libertie before ye day of Election annually for the time to come to meete together & make choyce of officers fit for there severall precincts & returne theire names to the publique towne meeting for election according to an order 15 March 16$\frac{68}{69}$.

31*st March*, 1673.—Mr. Jacob Eliote, Theophilus Fraylie, John White Senr. of Muddy River, Mr. John Turner & Mr. John Usher are apoynted perambulators for Muddie river & to see the line run betweene Roxsbury & Cambridge & to apoynt them the time & place of Meeting:

26*th January* 167$\frac{3}{4}$.—Libertie is granted to John Ingolsbey, who married the late widdow Griffin to make use of old fallen wood upon the comon waste land at Muddy river for the use of the tenent that lives in her house for firewood during the pleasure of ye towne

March 16*th* 16$\frac{73}{74}$.—Constable for Muddy River, James Pemberton.

Surveyor. Thomas Bolstone.

May ye 2d.—Ordered. the constable of Muddy River to erect a new pound within theire precincts for wch he may cutt timber on ye comon grounds belonginge thereto & provide workmen doe it, whome the treasurer of the towne is to satisfie out of the rates & dld to Alexender Becke a warrant to ye constable for ye end aforesaid.

31 *August* 1674.—It is ordered that there be a high way layd out at Muddy river from ye way to Cambridge through the land of John Parker and soe through Henery Steevens his land to John White Senr. his Marsh or Meadowe to runn from ye land of sd parkers near the sayd stevens his rayles betweene his other lands and soe runninge about ye side of the hill to the way formerlie into ye sd meadowe of John Whites

8*th of Dec.*—A rate was comted to ye constables of Bostone Muddy River & Rumney marsh for the collecting of six hundred & ninety one pounds two shillings for a single rate to the countrie and other occasions of the towne.

March 15*th* 167$\frac{4}{5}$.— Constable, for Muddy river, Robert Harris.

Surveyor John White Junr.

April 7, 1675.—John Sharpe & John Parker of Muddy river were injoyned to order & oversee the makinge of ye fence of the comon ffield there, to choose out of the proprietors meete persons to attend the worke from time to time for ye yeare ensuinge & to leavy by ye Constable (by virtue of a wart. given them to the constable) 3s. 4d for every rod upon all or any person or persons that shall refuse or be remisse in doeinge their respective parts.

Nov. 15, 1675.—This day a rate was committed by the Selectmen to ye constables of Bostone for the collectinge of 2641£ 11s. for ye occasion of ye countrie for ye Indian warr. ordered by ye two warrants from ye countrie treasurer & payable one halfe ye last of this instant November & ye other halfe the last of march next, & Rumney marsh & Muddy river 184£ 17s.

Nov. 29.—A rate was comted to the constable of Muddy river for the collectinge of 70 lbs.

March 13 167$\frac{5}{6}$.— Constable for Muddy River, John White Junr.

Surveyor, Joseph White.

March 26 1676.—Deaon Jacob Eliott, Theophilus Frairy, Mr. John White Senr. Mr. John Usher and John Turner are apoynted perambulators to see ye line runn betweene Bostone Bounds & Roxbury, & Bostone and Cambridge, & to apoynt them the time & place of meetinge.

April 24, 1676.—Ordered that warrants be granted vizt to the severall constables of this towne to give notice to the severall p'sons named hereafter yt by virtue of a lawe or ordr. of the Generall Court of ye 13th of Octobr 1674 for preventinge of excessive drinkinge & disorder in private houses &c. That they and every of them are chosen by the selectmen of this towne, and allowed & approved of by the Honble Councill of Magistrates to inspect that pt of the towne within theire precincts accordinge as the sd lawe directs for preventinge of such disorder, in private & unlicenced house of entertainment, vidz—

For Muddie River, Peter Aspinwall, Edward Devotion, John White Senr.

June 1676.—Comited to ye constables of Bostone, Rumney marsh & Muddy River a rate to collect for so rates to ye country & Towne 3807 : 7.

July 30.—Peter Aspinwall & John Parker are empowered to over see the ffences at Muddy river & to apoynt others to attend the same & have a warrant directed to ye constable to dis traine on ye estate of those that refuse to contribute towards theire charge.

March 5, 167$\frac{6}{7}$.—Constable at Muddie river, Thomas Stedman.

Surveyors, Joseph White, John Winchester Jr.

26 *March*.—John Parker & Symon Gates are apoynted to over see and regulate the makinge of the ffences in the comon field at Muddy river among the proprietors thereof.

4 *April* 1677.—At a meeting of all the Select men at Robt. Harris house Muddy river,

Whereas the Select men of the towne upon the first day of May 1669 did give libertie for gates to be set upon a highway at Muddy river, leadinge from Robert Harris his house through the land of Mr. Henery Bowen towards the comon wch gates have since proved an injury & damage to the sd Harris & his neighbrs in driveinge theire cattle to & from the comon, upon whose complaint of the damage & injury they have sustained by the said gates, Wee, the present selectmen mett as above at their request do agree & ordr. That the two gates now standing at the entrance into the said Bowens land neere his house, may be continued as formerlie, according to the former order, for two years next ensuinge the date hereof & no longer, but then to be layd open as a comon highway, noe gates barrs or other interuption or Molestation.

And whereas it apears yt the said highway was formerly agreed on by the sd Bowen, Capt. William Tynge, & Mr. Richard Parker (all deceased) & others concerned to be a comon high way to Muddy river comon but not layed out nor recorded

It is now agreed on & ordered That the same High way that have been formerlie made use of be continued & as now marked out on three trees; to be two rod in breadth throughout from ye sd Harris his house through the land of sd. Mr. Bowen, Henery Davis & Robt Harris & thence to Muddy River commons.*

1677 *Nov.* 26.—This day a warrant from the Select men ffor Muddy river for six rates by ye former warrant sixtie seven pounds ffourteene shill, & for these three rates, twentie six pounds.

28 *January.*—At a meeting [of the Selectmen]

Whereas there was an order for the laying of out of a highway through Mr. Bowens ffarm at Muddy river, the 4th day of Aprill last as apears in folio 104 of this book, And Robt. Harris John Harris & Joseph Davis have now declared that the sd highway is now layd out & made good according to the said Ordr, it is now Ordd. that the said way be continued & kept open for a high way & that the sd. Harris & compa. be allowed thirtie shillings out of their towne rate towards their labor in making the high way wch was formerly promised.

Granted to Thomas Pecke, Senr. Ten loade of crooked timber in Muddy river comon land, such as Deacon Eliot shall aprove of & upon such termes as they can agree for, he beinge willinge to give for it as he buyes the like of Deacon Eliot or any other man.

March 10 167⅞.—Constable for Muddy River, Symon Gates
Surveyers, John Winchester, Joseph White.

25 *March.*—Peter Aspinwall & John Parker are apoynted to oversee & regulate the ffences about the comon ffield at Muddy River.

25 *Nov.* 1678.—Whereas there is complaint to the selectmen of Bostone of some obstructions in the high wayes which lie

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*The first time commons is spelt with two ms.

through the Marshes of Muddy River by reasen of some ffences & ditches yt are made by serj. Thomas Gardner & Mr. John White Senr. The selectmen vieueing the sd wayes & consideringe the premises, Doe order that the wayes through the sd. Marshes doe remaine as formerlie they have beene layd out, or improved or made use of for cartinge by the proprietrs of ye sd Marshes & Thatt all obstructions be removed that hinders the passage of any proprieter or others passinge, cartinge or conveyinge in the sd high wayes and that no person carry off any hay or other thinge by cart or sled from sd Marsh, except it be done ye monethes of December, January or ffebruary whereby to damage any proprieters or other person without leave first obtained from ye proprietr, upon ye penaltie of twentie shilling, for any or every such offence & to paye or satisfye all persons for damages they shall sustain thereby.

Whereas the towne of Bostone or proprietrs of ye comon lands belonginge to it, have one acre and about a quarter of Land by computation belonginge to them within the fence of Uriah Clarke at Muddy river neere his house, wch land joynes unto ye land of John Winchester And whereas the highway leads through the land of orphant children of Joseph Buckmaster, It is agreed & concluded by the Selectmen of Bostone that those concerned for ye sd orphants shall take in the present highway yt leads through thaire land to be & remaine to the sd orphants & theire heires for ever, & that the high way shall now be layd out by the fence of ye sd John Winchester through ye sd land belonginge to ye foresaid proprietors or towne of Bostone, to be foure rod and halfe broade & from thence through the land of Uriah Clarke unto the present highway wch said highway is to be made good & sufficient by sd Uriah Clarke & sd Clarke is to bringe to Bostone & deliver to Capt. Thomas Brattle or his ordr, two load of good wood. Also ye sd Uriah Clarke is to have the remandr of sd Acre & qr. of land exceptinge the new way layd out (wch is to remaine ye townes use) for wch he is to give to ye towne or sd proprietrs, one acre of land in some convenient place joyninge to the comon land at Muddy river, provided the proprieters consent hereto, otherwise the remaneder of the sd Acre & qr. of land wth in said ffence & ye sd highway is to be left open & to remaine to ye proprietrs & then the sd Uriah Clarke to be allowed for his two load of wood out of his rates.

10 *Dec.*—[A rate was committed to the constables in Bostone] alsoe to the constable of Muddy river for the collectinge of 37lb : 3s : 6d for three rates for the countrie & 12 : 7 : 10 : for one rate for the towne.

March 10 167$\frac{8}{9}$.—Constable for Muddy River, Thomas Boylstone,

Surveyors, Joseph White, John Winchester Junr.

Perambulators for Muddy River with Roxbury & Cambridge, Deacon Jacob Eliot, John White Jr. Thomas Gardner Junr. Mr. John Usher, Mr. Benjamin Davis, Mr. Samuel Seywall, who upon the ffifteenth day of April next are to meete with those sent from Cambridge at Symon Gates his house at nine of the clocke in ye forenoon, and with those of Roxberrie at two of the clocke in ye afternoone at ye boundes corner where Bostone, Roxbury & Cambridge meete.

15 *Dec.* 1679.—To the constable of Muddy River, payable alsoe to the towne Treasurer ye severall rates as above, ffor 4 single countrie rates, or 4 for ye towne $\frac{1}{2}$ pr c abated, to pay money 72 : 17 : 4, ffor one single countrie rate to be pd in
graine without abatem. 9 : 1 : 5,
ffor $\frac{1}{2}$ rate to be pd in money 4 : 10 : 8.

8 *March* 16$\frac{79}{80}$.—Muddy River constable, John Clarke.

Muddy River Surveyors, Edward Kibby, Henery Segar.

Tythingmen at Muddy River, Thomas Gardner Senr. John Winchester, James Pemberton.

Dec. 3 1680.—Deliverd to the constable of Muddy River to collect as above, the sum of thirtie nine pounds two shillings—& for countrie rate 4 : 16 : 10.

Alsoe to the constable of Muddy River for the collectinge of 38lbs : 6s : 8d : for the use of the towne to lend y town Treasurer.

14 *March* $16\frac{80}{81}$.—Constable for Muddy River, Joseph White.

Surveyors for Muddy River, John Parker & Oriall Clarke.

Tythingmen, Edward Chamberlain, Edward Devotion.

1681 *Dec.* 6.—The rates delivered to the constables for collection, in Bostone 179 : 8 : 10, in money & in countrie pay—218 : 15 : 9. Muddy River, 12 : 19 : 9 in money, and 12 : 19 : 9 in countrie pay.

March 13, $16\frac{81}{82}$.—Constable for Muddy River, Seargt. Andrew Gardner.

Surveyers, Edward Kibby, Thomas Stedman.

Upon ye motion of ye Inhabitants of Cambridge Village, to grant them a highway through ple of Muddy River bounds to passe to the countrie road, from thence, for their accommodation : It was referred to the Selectmen & some of Muddy River, whom the Selectmen shall choose to joyne with them to be a committee to view & determine what may be thought most requisite for the Townes complyance therein :

1682 *March* 27*th*.—At a meeting of Capt. Thomas Brattle, Lt. Daniell Turill, Deacon Henery Allen, Lt. Theo. ffrary, John Joyliffe, Capt Elisha Huchinson & Mr. Nathaniel Greenwood—

Perambulators were chosen to run the lines of ye bounds betweene Bostone & Cambridge & Bostone & Roxbury vizt : Deacon Jacob Eliot, Mr. Benjamin Davis, Mr. Asaph Eliott, Mr. John Ayres, & John Bennet, John White Junr. & Thomas Gardner Junr. of Muddy river, who, upon tuesday the 18th of Aprill next are to meete with Cambridge men, at nine of ye clock in the morning at Symon Gates his house. And ye same day at two of ye clock in afternoone are to meete with Roxbury men for ye sd service at the bound corner where Bostone, Cambridge & Roxbury bounds meete.

[1000£ to be raised for an Alms & worke House. Muddy river is assed 37£ 15s.]

Dec. 25 1682.—By warrant directed to Selectmen and constables it was ordred to collect of Muddy river in money 6£. 7 rate pay 12£. 9s.

More committed to ye constable of Muddy River a town rate amounting to £18. 19s.

March 12 16$\frac{8}{8}\frac{2}{3}$.—Constable for Muddy River, John Winchester Junr.

Surveyers, Thomas Gardner Senr. & Edward Kibby.

May 14.—A rate was made by all the Selectmen to be committed to ye constables belonginge to this towne to collect the sum of 199lb. 18s. 2d. in money, by virtue of a warrant received from the countrie Treasurer for ye occasions of ye countrie payable to James Russell Esq. Treasurer by the constables within the Neck of Boston 179£ 6s. 3d. by the Constable of Rumney Marsh 11lb. 6s. 2d. & by the constable of Muddy river 9£ 5s. 9d.

Also a rate to be collected for the townes occasions 639lb. 10s, to be pd, to ye, Treasr. of ye towne

by ye constables	584£ 6s,
by the constable of Rumney Marsh	29, 8,
& by ye constable of Muddy river	25, 16

to be pd, in rate pay according to the last years valuation: If any pay money $\frac{1}{3}$ parte ordered to be abated.

Dec. 24, 1683.—The rate of Muddy River is, money 8lb 15s, rate pay 5£ 17s.

March 10 168$\frac{3}{4}$.—Constable for Muddy River, Uriah Clarke

Surveyers, Thomas Gardner Senr. Edward Kibby.

June 30.—This day a rate was committed to the constable of Muddy River country rate £2, 19s, 6d also for ye towns occasions 24, 3.

Dec. 8.—A rate was committed to the constables of Bostone *Murr* River & Rumney marsh to collect 268lb 8s for two countrie rates, one in money & one in countrie pay.

168$\frac{4}{5}$, *March* 9.—Constable of Muddie River, Jabesh Buckmaster.

Surveyers for Muddy River, Thomas Gardner Senr. Robert Harris.

April 3, 1685.—At a meeting of Capt. Daniell Turill, John Joyliffe, Capt. Theo. Frary, Deacon Thomas Allen, Capt. Tymo. Prout, Lt. Edward Willis, Capt. Elisha Huchinson & Capt. John Fareweather & John Devotion, Andrew Gardner & Benja White of Muddy river, were chosen perambulators to goe ye bounds betweene Bostone & Cambridge & Bostone & Roxbury & to renew the marks thereof. To meete those sent from Cambridge at ye house of Symond Gates, upon wednesday the 15th instant at nine of the clock in ye morninge & those sent from Roxbury at the bound corner where Bostone, Cambridge & Roxbury meete upon the same day at two of ye clock in ye after noone.

Tythingmen chosen for Muddy River, Andrew Gardner & John Devotion.

March 8 168$\frac{5}{6}$.—Muddy River Constable, Benjamin White.

Surveyors, Andrew Gardner, Roger Addams.

Way to Muddy River, upon the motion of John Harris, referred to a committee vizt. to Deacon Jacob Eliot, Deacon Frary, Tho. Gardner Senr.

Muddy River, Motion for a schoole, referd to the selectmen to consider of & to make theire report of it to the Inhabitants at ye next towne meetinge.

March 29, 1686.—A Motion of the Inhabitants of Muddy river for a writinge school for theire children was read at a publique meetinge of the Inhabitants of this towne the 8th of March 168$\frac{5}{6}$, and that theire town rates may be improved to that use & the select. apoynted to choose a place for the erectinge of a house:

In answer to said Motion, It was voted that the selectmen take this matter into consideration and inquire into the reason thereof and represent it to the next General Towne Meeting what is necessary to be done therein.

Tythingmen for Muddy River, Roger Addams Thomas Gardner Junr.

January 31.—This day a rate was made by sd. Selectmen & committed to ye Constables of Bostone, Rumney Marsh & Muddy river, amountinge to ye sume of ffiftie five pounds eight shillings money to be collected by them & paid unto John Usher Esq. treasurer of the countrie or his order.

Feb. 16.—By virtue of a warrant received from John Usher Esq. Treasurer of the Countrie dated the 10th January 16$\frac{86}{87}$ requiring the Selectmen of this towne to assess & levie upon the Inhabitants thereof a single Countrie rate of one penny on the pound according to former usage & custome. This day a rate was Assested & made by ye said Selectmen accordinglie and after committed to ye constables of Bostone, Rumney Marsh & Muddy river, amounting to the sume of one hundred two pounds two shillings & eleven pence, countrie pay—to be collected by them and paid unto sd Treasurer, and if any pay mony they are to be abated one third pte.

New England.

By the President and Councill of his Majesties Territory and Dominion, aforesaid &ca.

Wednesday Decembe. 8th 1686.

Present, the Honble. JOSEPH DUDLEY, Esq. *President.*
WILLIAM STOUGHTON Esq. *Deputie Prest.*

EDWARD RANDOLPH
WAITE WINTHROP
RICHARD WHARTON
JOHN USHER
BARTHOLOMEW GIDNEY &
JONATHAN TYNG
Esqrs.

In answer to the petition of ye Inhabitants of Muddie River, prayinge to have libertie to erect a school &ca. upon the hearinge thereof, The President & Councill doe order, That henceforth the said Hamlet of Muddie River be free from Towne rates to ye Towne of Bostone, they maintaininge theire owne high wayes and poore and other publique charges ariseinge amongst themselves, And that within one yeare next comeinge they raise a school-house in such place as the two next Justices of the Countrie (upon a publique hearinge of the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet) shall determine as also mainetaine an able readinge and writinge Master there, from and after that day, and that the Inhabitants annuallie meete to choose three men to manage theire affaires

EDWARD RANDOLPH, *Secr.*

A true coppie as attests

BENJAMINE SULLIVANT

late Clerke of ye Councill.

168$\frac{6}{7}$ *March* 14.—Constable for Muddy river, Thomas Gardner Junr.

1689 *June* 24.—Constable for Muddy River—Roger Addams, Surveyors, James Parker, Joseph Buckmaster,

Dec. 30.—[The rates committed to the constables in Bostone amounted to 320£ 3s in money, 640lb 3d in country pay—

Rumney Marsh 13lb money, 26lb countrie paie

Muddy River 13lb 12s. money 27£. 4s. countrie pay]

March 16 16$\frac{89}{90}$.—Constable of Muddy River Josiah Winchester Surveyers, Uriah Clarke, John Devotion

Voted, that Muddy river Inhabitants are not discharged from Bostone to be a hamlet by themselves, but stand related to Bostone as they were before the yeare 1686.

March 17.—Perambulators for Cambridge & Muddy River & Roxbury & Muddy River were chosen by the Selectmen of Boston Capt. Jacob Eliot, Capt. Theophilus Frary, Mr. Joseph Eliot, John Devotion, Andrew Gardnr, Benj'a White to run the

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Ambrose Davis, chosen a Constable, refusing to swear with his hand on the Bible, as was required of him, James Halsey was chosen Constable in his stead.

lines of the bounds betweene Bostone & these Townes and to meete those of Cambridge at the house of Symon Gates, upon the last Tuesday of Aprill next beinge ye 29th of said moneth. at nine of the clock in the fore noone & those sent from Roxbury at the bound corner where Roxbury, Cambridge & Boston meete at two of the clock in the after noone.

1690 *Aug* 6.—This day by warrant of Country Treasurer of 24th July 1690 for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ single countrie rates to be paid in money was committed to the 8 constables of Bostone, Rumney Marsh & Muddy river. chosen Tythingmen, Roger Addams & Thos. Gardner.

Oct. 27, 1690.—This day a rate made for the poore & other occasions of this Towne was committed to ye severall constables of Bostone, Rumney Marsh and Muddy river, by the selectmen amounting to the sums of Four Hundred & twelve pounds. four shillings two pence countrie pay, orderinge if any pay money in lieu thereof they shall be abated $\frac{1}{3}$ pte of theire rates.

16$\frac{90}{91}$, *March 9th.*—Constable for Muddie River George Bearstowe.

Surveyers, Jonathan Torrie, Samuel Aspinwall.

June 20.—This day a rate was made by all the select men and com'ted to the severall constables to collect & pay the same to John Phillips Esq. Treasurer, by virtue of a warrant recd. from him dated the 9th of June 1691 for the Assessing of all rateable Inhabitants of this town their proportion to the sum of twentie foure thousand pounds, which rate amounted to, for Bostone, Rumney Marsh and Muddy River the sum of three thousand thirtie seven pounds eighteene shillings to be pd. the sd. Treasr, or his assigns either in money, bills of publicke credit or in grain or provisions at Money price. one half to be paid by the first of September next and the other halfe by the first day of May 1692.

March 14. 169$\frac{1}{2}$.—Constable for Muddy River Joshua Gardner.

Surveyers, Jonathan Torrey, Edward Devotion Joshua Child.

13 *March* $169\frac{2}{3}$.—Constable for Muddy river, Daniel Harris
Surveyers, Samuel Aspinwall. Joseph Davis.

March 27, 1693.—Perambulators to run the line of the bounds between Cambridge and Boston and Roxbury and Boston, were chosen Capt. Jacob Eliot, Mr. Thomas Walker Mr. Saml. Checkly, Mr. Joseph Eliot, John Devotion, Benjamin White, to meet with those sent from Cambridge in the 2d Tuesday in April, at Simon Gate's his house at nine of the clock in ye morning and to meet with those sent from Roxbury at the bound corner where Roxbury, Cambridge and Boston meet at 2 of the clock afternoon.

$169\frac{3}{4}$ *March* 12.—Constable for Muddy River, Samuel Aspinwall,
Surveyors, George Bearstow & John Winchester,
Tythingmen, Thomas Stedman Senr. Dorman Moraun.

$169\frac{4}{5}$ *March* 4.—Constable of Muddy River, Erasmus Drue.
Surveyers, Benjamin White, Joseph Gardner.
Tythingmen, John Devotion, Josiah Winchester.
Fence viewers & bounds—Roger Adams & Thomas Woodward.

$169\frac{5}{6}$ *March* 9.—Constable of Muddy River Timothy Harris
Surveyors, Joshua Child, Samuel Clark, Nathanl. Stedman.
Tythingmen, George Bearstow. John Winchester.
Fence Viewers, Joseph Gardner, Jonathan Tory.

April 5.—Capt. Bezoun Allen, Mr. Thomas Walker, Joseph Eliot and John Devotion were chosen to run the line of the bounds, between Roxbury & Boston and between Cambridge and Boston on the last tuesday in April, to which were added John Winchester, Erasmus Drue & Timothy Harris.

1697 *March* 22.—For muddiriver, Saml. Clark was chosen constable for the year insuing, Saml. Clark

And John Druce and Edw. Devotion were chosen serveighers for the year ensuing.

1698 *March* 14.—Constable For muddriver, Joseph Buckmaster.

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13 *March* 1693.—Towne Clarke, Capt. Epha. Savage.
Note.—first use of the term "Town Clerk"—previously called "Recorder."

Voted that Rumney marsh and muddiriver each place have liberty to chuse an assessor to set with the Selectmen for the making of their own rates. Each place is to make their chose of their sd assessor on their first training day and when chosen to bring them on ye Day of a publick Town meeting to be confirmed by the Town.

1699 *March* 13.—Constable for Muddiriver, Joseph Gardner.

March 27.—The perambulaters chosen by the Selectmen to run the line between Boston & Roxbury, Cambridge & Newtown were Mr. James Barnes, Mr. John Marion, Mr. Daniel Oliver, selectmen and were joyned with them, Mr. Joseph Eliot, Mr. Roger Adams Mr. George Bestow

The place appointed to meet, ye Roxbury men is Mr. Roger Adam's the 18th of April at 8 the clock in the fore noon.

Wth. Cambridge at Mr. Sewells farm and also new Town at two of the clock in the after noon, Mr. Barnes not being well did not go on this service.

Then met with mr. John Marion Junr. and mr. Daniel Oliver of Boston and mr. Adams and mr Besto of muddiriver who were appointed by the selectmen of Boston the 27th of March 1699 to meet wth such as were appointed by the selectmen of Roxbury who were Capt. Steevens and mr. Nathl. Holmes, mr. Henry Bowen and Benj'a. Gamblin and Saml. Ruggles, the aforesd persons began their work at the highway leading to Cambridge at a great White oake standing by mr. Benj'a. White's house meadow and so to a dead crotched oake standing neer the middle of the lane and from thence to a small tree, called doggs wood right against a great pine swamp that was allowed formerly to be the mark wch Doggwood tree was marked wth B. on Boston side and R. on Roxbury side, and from thence to a white oak neer to. the

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1697, *March* 22.—Voted, that no person shall ride too and fro about the common on ye Sabbath Day, to water Horses on the penalty of five shillings to any person transgressing and Mr. Daniel Ferfield is impowered to look after such Transgressers, & complain of them to a Justice of Peace.

Voted that the prudentials of the Town is left to the Judgment and Discretion of the Selectmen.

swamp side that is crooked, from thence to a heape of stones wth a stake in it and the stones ly part on another rock, and from thence to a black oak marked and from thence to a grey oak marked B. on the one side and R. on the other side as also all the aforesaid trees are marked The last great oak was neer to Jos. Buckmaster's wch was the last mark the aforesaid men went to & the running of the rest of the line was left to Joshua Child and Jos. Buckmaster of muddy River, & to Saml. Craft Icabod Griggs of Roxbury & the marks to be by them renewed and an acct thereof to be given to the aforesd committee for to be entered under the sd agreement wch is to be a settlement thereof. Timo. Stevens, Saml. Ruggles, Nathl. Holmes, Henry Bowen, Senr. Benj'a. Gamblin.

1700, *March* 11.—Constable for muddiriver Joseph Davis.

Surveyors, John White & John Devotion.

Fence Viewers for muddi river, Ralph Shepard and Nathanill Holand.*

Upon the petition of the Inhabitants of muddiriver To be a District or Hamlet seperate from the Town for these reasons following, namely, the remoteness of their situation wch renders them uncapable of Injoying Equal Benefit & advantage wth other of the Inhabitants of Publick Schools for the Instruction of their Children, Relief of their poor & repairing of their highways.

Their petition being read & the reasons given therein Debated, It was voted in the negative, & that tho they had not for some years been rated in the Town rate yet for the time to come the selectmen should rate them in the Town Tax as the other Inhabitants & as formerly they used to be.

And for their Incouragement. It was voted that the Selectmen should provide a schoolmaster for them. To teach their children to read, write & cypher & order his pay out of the Town Treasury.*

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*1700—The title of Esq. began to be frequently applied also the apostrophic "'s" instead of "his"

A remarkable change of style and mode characterizes the advent of the 18th century.

This year the first elaborate code of by-laws was adopted for Boston, for one year.

1701—Streets of Boston first named.

The "u" becomes "v" in the records of this year.

The Gen. Court becomes "the Great and General Assembly."

1700 *March* 14.—Upon the petition of Joseph Buckminster of muddiriver, for a committee to be chosen by the Town, to lay out a high way to his land, he having no highway thereto, by virtue of a Town order, That all proprietors of lots of land within the town & precincts thereof wch have no highway layd out to their lands shall have a highway layd out thereto by a committee chosen and authorized by the sd Town for yt purpose.

Sd Buckminster's petition was read & it was voted, That Capt. Theo. Frary, Mr. John Bonner, Mr. Joseph Prout should be a committee to view sd. Buckminster's land & make report to sd Town, the next Genl. Town meeting what may be proper to be done therein.

April 8.—Upon the return of the Committee wch were chosen by the Town ye 14 march last past, To take view of the land of Joseph Buckminster of muddiriver and to Judge what might be done wth respect to the laying out of a high way thereto according to an antiant record of the Town, That every allotment should have a way laid out to it, by a committee chosen and authorized by the Town for yt purpose:

The return of the committee was, That they Judged sd Buckminster ought to have a high way laid out to his land.

Upon which return, By a vote of the Town, the former committee with the addition of Thomas Gardner & Saml. Aspinwall were chosen and Impowered to lay out a highway to sd. Buckminster's land.

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*Some of the Inhabitants of the north end of the Town stood up & requested that they might have the libertie of a free school for the teaching to write & cypher.

It was voted in the affirmative: That the selectmen should agree wth a schoolmaster for them & order him pay out of the Town Treasury.

The Inhabitants of Rumney marsh standing by & seeing the Town in so good a frame also put in their request yt a free school might be granted them to Teach to Read, write & Cypher.

It being put to the Town to know their minds, it was voted in the affirmative, with this Proviso, That it did appear to the Selectmen yt therein were a suitable number of children to come to the school, then the Selectmen should agree with a Schoolmaster to teach these children To Read, write & cypher for wch service he should be payed out of the Town Treasury.

May 14.—Whereas upon the 8th of April Last past a committee was chosen and Impowered to lay out a high way for Joseph Buckminster of muddiriver to his land he having yet had no highway laid out thereto. sd committee mett together and Layd out a high way through Joseph Winchester's land to sd. Buckminster's land and sd. Winchester being Dissatisfied with what was done, presented his petition to the Town, to desire that other meet persons might be chosen by sayd Town to take a view of what is done & to make a report of the same to the Town. his petition being read & considered, Capt. Nathl. Williams and mr. Isaiah Tay were chosen by a vote of the Town, to Joyne with the former Committee to Indever the settlement of that concerne.

1701 *March* 10.—Constable, muddiriver, John Druce

Surveyers, Jos. White, John Devotion, Joshua Child.

Fence Viewers, Josiah Winchester, Daniel Harris.

May 12.—The committee formerly appointed to lay out a way to the land of Joseph Buckmister have given in the following return, the same being read in the Publick Town meeting vizt.

Wee the subscribers being appoynted a committee, by the vote of the Town of Boston past the 8th day of April 1700, to lay out a highway to the land of Joseph Buckminster of Muddy River, accordingly we did on the 30th day of Aprill, stake out a highway of twenty four feet in breadth through the land of Josiah Winchester vizt. Running from the south side of a white oak tree standing in the Country Road upon a direct line to the brow of the Hill neer said Buckminster's Land & thence winding down the Hill some thing southerly to the aforesaid Buckminster's Land.

T. FRARY
THOMAS GARDNER
JOHN BENNET
SAML. ASPINWALL
JOSEPH PROUT.

July 31*th* 1700.—The persons appointed as a committee by the vote of the town of Boston, dated the 14th of May last past, all of them being present (except Samuel Aspinwall) at Muddy River, upon the spot, do give their opinion that the way stated by the committee on the 30th of April last from Joseph Buckminster's land through the land of Josiah Winchester ought to be continued, said Buckminster being present having promised to make sufficient Gates at each end of sayd way with all convenient speed,

And the said Winchester being present doth engage forever here after to maintain and uphold that gate at the northerly end next the highway, and said Buckminster engages to uphold and maintain that gate next the said Buckminster's land, from time to time, each of them for themselves their heires executors and adms. and so engaging each to other,

In Testimony whereof said Buckminster and Winchester have hereunto set their hands and seales the day and year abovesaid.

Signed & sealed in presence of us } JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER
NATHL. WILLIAMS, ISAIAH TAY } JOSIAH WINCHESTER.

The Town by their vote do manifest their approbation of the committees return of a way laid to Joseph Buckminster's land together with Joseph Buckminster & Josiah Winchester their agreement thereto.

March ye 9*th* 170½.—Solomon Phipps is chosen constable of Boston for the District of Muddy River.

Messiurs Joshua Child, Thomas Stedman & Edward Devotion are chosen surveyers of high ways at Muddy River.

Messrs. Ralph Shepherd, & John Winchester are chosen Fence viewers for Muddy River.

March 8 170⅔.—Edward Devotion chosen constable at Muddy River.

Daniel Harris, William Sharp, Peter Bileston chosen surveyors of high ways for Muddy River.

John Devotion, Thomas Woodward, chosen Fence viewers for

Muddy River. Joseph White chosen tythingman for Muddy River.

March 13 170¾.—The several officers chosen to serve within the district of Muddy River, vizt:

Ralph Shepherd to serve as constable.

Peter Bileston as surveyor of Highways.

Samuel Clark, Samuel Aspinwall, as Fence viewers

Joseph White as Tithingman

March 12, 170⅘.—Several officers chosen to serve for ye District of Muddy River:

Thomas Stedman to serve as constable.

John Winchester Junr. John Ackers, surveyors of High ways. John Sever, Benjamin White Fence viewers. Joseph White, Samuel Aspinwall Tithingmen.

Elisha Cook Esqr. Elder Joseph Bridgham, Capt. Ephraim Savage, Capt. Bezeon Allen & Capt. Oliver Noyse are chosen a committee to consider and draw up what they shall think proper, on the behalf of this town, to lay before the Genl. Court at their next session, relating to a petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Muddy River who pray that they may be dismist from the Town of Boston: & become a Township of themselves.

March 13, 1704.—Voted that the Selectmen may lay out one hundred pounds in paving such streets as they shall judge needful, and therein to have particular regard to the Highway nigh old Mrs. Stoddard's house.

APPENDIX.

29*th* 11*th* 1671.—Upon the motion of Doct. Daniel Stone for pay for Chirurgery & phisicke administered to several poore of this towne, the select men see cause to abate him his rate this yeare for what is done for the time past and doe further now agree with him for twelve moneths next coming from the first of March next to take care of the poore of this towne as to phisicke & chirurgery, for which he is to have twentie shillings out of the town treasury and to be rate free the next yeare.

20*th* 12*th* 167½.—Liberty is granted to John White of Muddy river, Senr. to cutt five oake & ffive Maple trees of the comon at Muddy river, provided he doe what he can to secure the rest from others or to give notice of any that shall offend in that kinde.

25, 1, 1672.—It was ordered that notice be given to the severall persens underwritten, that they within one month after the date hereof, dispose of their severall children (herein nominated or mentioned) abroad for servants to serve by Indentures for some term of yeares according to their ages and capacities, wch if they refuse or neglect to doe, The magistrates and selectmen will take theire said children from them and place them with such masters as they shall provide according as the lawe directs; And that they that doe according to this order dispose of their children doe make return of the names of master and children soe put out to service, with theire Indentures to the Selectmen at their next monethly meeting, being the last monday in April next.

John Glover daughter about 12 years old.

Bryan Merphew's daughter in law, Martha Dorman, about 12 yrs.

Widdowe Crocukus three daughters

Wm. Hambeltons daughter about 12 yrs

Edward Gold's sonn about 20 years.

John Dawes his son about 17 yrs

Thomas Williams his sonn Charles about 8 yrs.

30, 5, 1672.—John Cobbet senr. ordered to remove his hay out of his dwelling house within seven days after the date hereof, upon the penaltie of twenty shillings pr weeke.

16 *March* 167$\frac{2}{3}$.—Ordered that Capt. Thomas Savage, Capt. Edward Huchinson, Mr. Humphrey Cary, Mr. John Hull & Deacon Henry Allen or the Majer of them shall draw up instructions for the Select men, wch they are to present to the Inhabitants at a publique Meeting for their approbation, for wch Capt. Savage is to apoint time & place.

26 *Jan.* 167$\frac{3}{4}$.—Whereas the widdowe Feltch hath made a complaint that John Harrison hath made a crosse ffence in that highway (where he makes his ropes) & thereby obstructed her in her occasions, which apears by the testimony of several antient Inhabitants of this towne, to be a high waye layd out many yeares since & made use of from time to time, as a highway without interruption—It is understood that the said John Harrison remove the said crosse ffence & leave the said highway open & free as formerlie for the accomodation of the said Feltch or any other that may have occasion to make use of it as a high way upon the penaltie of twentie shillings a weeke.

March 30, 1674.—[At a meeting of the Selectmen of Boston]

Upon the petition of Ann the wife of Isreal Howen to helpe them in the ffinishing of a house wch they are buildinge (havinge by themselves & friends purchased a piece of land & a fframe thereon, but not able to finish it) It is ordered that if the said Isreal will make over the deed of the said land to the treasurer of this towne for the use of the said Ann & her children, then the said treasurer shall let them have tenn———for ye use aforesaid wch the present treasurer Mr. Thos. Brattle & Mr. John Lake are to see effected

July 27*th* 1674.—John Noyse is prohibited to employe his brother William Noyse as a cooper upon the penaltie of tenn shillings a weeke, havinge served but ffour yeares & a quartr to the trade & not twentie one yeares of age.

April 21, 1676.—Elizabeth Jones is aproved of and apoynted to keepe the keyes of the pound & to looke after cattle impounded till further order & to observe the lawes & ordrs of the countrie & town concerninge it.

July 30, 76.—John Lewis came from Road Island where his wife gave him a paper of dismission from her in Novr. last & libertie to marrie another woman & he is now ingaged to ye widow Williams to marry her, by theire owne confessions. [returned to County Court.)

1677 (*vol. ii. p* 105).—At a meetinge of this towne ffrom lawfull warning, It is ordered that Elder John Wiswall Elder Edward Raynsford, Capt. Joshua Skottow, Capt. John Richards & Mr. Elisha Cooke be a committee for drawinge up Instructions for the Deputies to ye Generall court, to whome ye Selectmen are to joyne for yt end.

19*th May*.—At a meetinge of ye aforesaid committee the following Instructions were agreed upon & ye 21th of May were presented to the ffreemen & aproved of by them to be recomend to ye deputies.

1. Shall endeavor for peace & unitie be attanded & noe controversall disputes moved, it beinge a time to unite.

2. That in all matters of judicature wherein you may be called to give yr vote you assume no arbitrarie power but observe our

knowne & established lawes for your direction therein (excepting in matters of mere grace & favor wherein you may abate of ye rigor of ye lawe according to your discretion.

3. That in the exercise of yr legislative powers you have respect to ye charter or patent & that you make noe lawes or orders repugnant thereto.

4. That in all matters that may come under your consideration you passe nothing that may in the least measure have any tendancie to the infringement of our liberties & privileges whithr civill or ecclesiasticall granted us by our charter.

5 That whereas the number of ffreemen in this towne is much increased yt ye number of Deputies may be augumented proportionablie to other Townes.

6. Whereas the standr of weights exceed not ffoure pounds It may be enlarged to one hundred weight yt ffraud may be prevented in great draughts.

7. That whereas there may be more use of bricks than formerly the Lawe relating to tiles may extend alsoe to bricks as to the earth they are made of & yt not tempered with salt or brackish water & that there be a size apoynted

8. That the Lawes respecting booke debts be repealed or the time for gettinge of them in enlarged.

9. That effectual care be taken for ye paymts of ye debts due from ye countrie yt injustice in yt respect be not matter of complaint.

10. That some order be taken about regulating ye building in ye respective townes, yt by scattering they expose not themselves to ye crueltie of ye natives or by theire narrow streets to ye danger of ffire.

11. That the money stampt in the colony may be made something lesse, yt the carrying of it out may be prevented & ye bringinge in of bullion may be encouraged.

12. That ye late ordr. of ye Honrd Councill bearing date ye

29th of March 1677 respecting the entertaining of Indians for servants or otherwise may be enacted as a Lawe.

13. That whereas oathes being taken privately without the knowledge of ye parties concerned; and are dubiously worded whereby many inconveniences doe arise, that some care may be taken to prevent damage thereby.

14. That care may be taken yt the severall Lawes & ordrs established concerning the due observation of the sabbath, be strictlie executed The profanation thereof growing more and more among us.

15 That this Towne may be a corporation or made & towne & countrie.

16. That care be taken all ware made of pewter or silver, whether brought to ye countrie or made here & exposed to sale be of ye just alloy.

17 That larger power be allowed to those yt are apoynted to serch out unlicenced houses of entertainment according to yt Lawe made 13th of Octobr, 1675.

22 *March* 1680.—Sixty Tythingmen appointed for Boston

July 29.—The valuation of the estates of this town (Boston)

was taken & amounted to	23877lb : 10s : no d.
wch. at a penny pr pound—rate assessed—	99lb : 9s : 9½d.
More for heads at 20d	72 : 1 : 8.

June 26 1693.—At a meeting of the Select men—

It was ordered that Mr. Christopher Web be employed as an Attourney to demand and sue for the town rents and that a list of the Town rents be brought in and left with the Town clerk.

At a publick meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston

July 16, 1694

Then voted that there should be seven assessors chosen, Capt Bezam Allen, Capt Samuel Checkly Ephraim Savage, Mr. Timothy Thornton &c.

BOOK OF POSSESSIONS.

14*th* (11*th*) 1647.—The possession of William Hibbins, within the limits of Boston.

One house, garden and stable, bounded with Mr. John Winthrop's on the west: Richard Sherman and some part of the Fort Street on the South: the Springate on the north: and John Spoore on the east.

(2) Also six score acres of land at Muddy River bounded with Mr. Thomas Oliver on the north: Edward Bendall on the west, together with Thomas Snowe and William Talmidge: Boston common on the south and Roxbury bounds, south east.

(3) Also twenty five acres of Marsh at Muddy River bounded Muddy River Charles river and a creek in the form of an Isthmos:—

(4) Also a house and farm of three hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts at Muddy River, bounded, Mr. William Tyng on the south: Cambridge bounds on the north west and Dedham bounds on the south west:—

The possession of William Beamsley, within the limits of Boston.

1 One house and house lot, about half an acre.

2 Also at Muddy River sixteen acres bounded with John Bigges on the east: Thomas Grubb on the west: the cedar swamp on the south: and the Marsh and River upon the north.

11*th* (9*th*) 1651.—Thomas Woodward of Boston granted to

Alexander Beck of Boston, a parcel of land at Muddy River, containing four acres and a quarter, be it more or less, bounded with Richard Carter, south east: William Lamb south west; Nathaniel Woodward and Robert Roote, north west: and this was by a deed (valuable consideration being first received) dated 11th November 1651, sealed and delivered in presence of John Angier and William Aspinwall, Notary Public:—

Thomas Painter,

his possessions within the limits of Boston.

1 one house and garden: —

2 Also twenty acres at Muddy River bounded with Ralph Goultrop, East, William Toy, west, Griffith Bowen, south and John Leverit, north: —

Thomas Scotto,

his possession within the limits of Boston.

1 One house and garden—

2 Also four acres upland at Muddy River, bounded with William Beamsley and Thomas Grubb on the south, Richard Sanford and Alexander Beck, north, the cedar swamp Westward and his own Marsh east:—

3. Also one acre of Marsh at Muddy River bounded with Charles River east, Richard Sanford, Thomas Grubb and his own upland west, and Jacob Eliot, southwards:—

William Aspinwall,

his possession within the limits of Boston.

1 One house and garden:—

2 Also at Muddy River nine acres surrounded with the Cedar Swamp and Nathainel Woodward the elder:—

Jane Parker,

Her possession within the limits of Boston.

1. One house and garden &c.

2. Also half an acre, the Newfield &c.

3. Also forty acres of land at Muddy River, bounded with:—

Jane Parker the widow of Richard Parker, intending to marrie —by a deed of gift thus dispose of her lands: unto Margaret, her daughter and her heirs, she did give, out of her house lot twenty one foot square in the angle at the meeting of the streets. Then all her house and lot also the half acre in the Newfield and forty acres at Muddy River she doth give to her sons, vizt. half to John Parker her eldest and his heirs and the other half equally to be divided betwixt Thomas and Noah and their heirs, and if the one die then to descend to the survivor, if both die, then to the eldest; and this was by a deed dated 15 (5) 1646 and the same day acknowledged before the Governor.

Ralph Mason's possession in Boston.

1. one house and garden &c.

2. 21 (12) 1645.—Isaac Perry granted unto Ralph Mason of Boston, ten acres of land be it more or less, at Muddy River, bounded with Ralph Mason's lot, south, Thomas Scotto, North, Mr. Hibbins, west, and this was by an absolute deed dated 20 (10) 1645, acknowledged before Mr. Winthrop:—

Richard Carter's possession in Boston.

7 (1) '47.—William Aspinwall granted unto Richard Carter his lot at Muddy River, containing nine acres, more or less, bounded with Nathaniel Woodward, senior, towards the Northwest, and the cedar swamp on the other side: and this was by an absolute deed dated 7 (1) 1647:

William Salter, his possession in Boston.

3. Also at Muddy River, eight acres bounded with Robert Burden, West, William Briscoe, East, Nathaniel Woodward Senior, North, and Jacob Eliot, south: This is again sold to Ed. Devotion, transfer lib 2, page 129:—.

Thomas Wheeler's possession in Boston.

2. Also at Muddy River, fifteen acres, bounded with Mr. Hibbins, west, Cambridge bounds, North, Robert Hull, East and Henry Fane, South.

On page 145, the following is written.

"Massachusetts Collony, in New England.

John Leverett Esq. Govr.

To all people who shall see these presents or hear them read: Greeting;

Know ye, that Lancelott Talbott and Joseph Smith have bought of the tresurer of this collony, seaven Indians, Vizt. George, William, Hawkins, great David, Reube, John Indian and Tounnaguin, which Indians were sentenced to be sold for slaves: To which end that said Talbott and Smith may transport them to any place out of this continent. In testimony of the truth hereof, I have caused the publique seal of this collony to be affixed hereunto this 22 of 9 mo. 1675 Annoqe Regne Regi Caroli secundi xxvii. JOHN LEVERETT, *Govr.*

Recorded and compared 22d 9th "75 per F. BENDALL *Rec:*"

On page 146.

"Jonathan Torey of Muddy River took up a stray horse, damage ffeasant: the first day of Mai 1693. branded 9 near shoulder, a star in the forehead, no eare marks, brown colour, a streak of white behind his eare, fore top cut off, a dock, and brand C upon the near buttock, prised at fifty shillings, this signified by said Jonatha Torey June 13, 1693.

Roger Adams took up a Bay colt that was stray on the 12 June 1693. with a little Star in his forehead branded with a) on the off shoulder, prized at 12 shillings, about two years old. This information brought to me by Mr. Jonathan Torey, Constable of Muddy River, on 14 July 1693:

Isaac Heath took up a stray steer the first of July 1693, of a red brindle coler with a white face, white under his belly, and

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NOTE.—Upon a piece of paper bound in the original book of possessions, is the following—"A stere taken up by John Weld and prised by Miester John Gore and Hennerri Bouin the 16 day of ionnewari. This stere was prised at 34 shilings in moni. A black stere about 3 years ould marked with an noch under boath his eares by me Jacob Newell, constabell. 14—"

behind his fore leggs and before his hind leggs. he is branded of both horns with I and R. said beast was apprized at twenty shillings; upwards of two years old, taken by Jonath. Torrey, constable of Muddy River: Entered Aug. 24, 1693.

Muddy River.—Joseph Griggs took up a brindled cow apprized by John White and Rodger Adams at 30s. done the 7th of x m. 1695 attested pr. Isaac Newell, constable of Roxberry, 17: 12: '75.

Muddy River.—Joseph Griggs and John White Aprized a horse that widdow Clark took up of a dark bay culler and no other marke taken up the 19th Janr. last and signified this 17th of the 11th mo '75 pr Robert Harris, constable.

DOCUMENTS:

IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

The 30th of December 1639.—At a meeting this day of Mr. John Winthrop, Govr. Mr. Richard Bellingham, Treasur. Mr. William Coulborn, Capt. Edward Gibon, Mr. William Tyng Mr. William Hibbon, Mr. John Coggan, Mr. Robert Horden & Jacob Eliot.

It was agreed that five hundred acre at Muddy River for perpetual comonage to the Inhabitants there and the Town of Boston, to begin at the outer bounds of Mr. Hibbins Lott and so to go into the country as the land will afford before any other allotments are Layd out hereafter.

By the President and Councill of his Majesti said Territory &c.

In answer to the Petitions of the Inhabitants of Muddy River praying to have Liberty to erect a School upon hearing thereof it is ordered

Present the Honorble Joseph Dudley Esqr. President, and William Stoughton Esqr. Deputy President

Edward Randolph Wait Winthrop Richard Wharton }
John Usher, Jonnathan Tyng Barthol Gidney } Esqrs.

That henceforth the sd Hamlet of Muddy River be free from Town Rates to the Town of Boston they maintaining their own Highways and Poor and other public charges arising amongst themselves; and that within one year next coming they Raise a

School House in such place as the two next Justices of the County (upon a public hearing of the Inhabitants of the sd Hamlett) shall determine. As also maintain an able Reading and writing master there; from and after this day and that the Inhabitants annually meet to choose Three men to manage their affaires.

Given at the Council House in Boston this eighth day of Decembr. anno RRs. Jacobi Anglicae &c. Secundo, Annoge Dom. 1686

EDWARD RANDOLPH *Secy.*
By the Councill

BEN: BULLIVANT *Clerke*

A true copy as attested by comparing it with the Town Records, June 15: 1705. Read

pr JOSIAH WINCHESTER, *Clerk.*

To His Excellency The Governour,
Council and Assembly.

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of Muddy River

Humbly Showeth,

That they are a Hamlet belonging to Boston, have been lately settled there; and sometime since in the year 1686, being grown to a good number of Inhabitants, represented to the Government then in being, praying to be acquitted from paying Duties and Taxes to the Town of Boston, being then willing to bear their own Publiq charges of Bridges Highways and Poor's and were accordingly then released and ordered to maintain a Reading and writing Schoole, as the order annexed will show which accordingly we have ever since done; and now further humbly pray that being grown to a greater Number of good settled Inhabitants we may be allowed a seperate Village: to have Selectmen and all other rights belonging to a Township which may further Encourage us as we are able to settle a minister and other Benifitts amongst us: and we shall ever pray.

Read in Council sitting the General Assembly
June 17th 1704.

Ordered that the Selectmen of Boston have a copy of this Petition and be heard thereon at ye next Session of this Court.

ISA ADDINGTON, *Secy.*

Novr. pro. 1704,

In Council,

Ordered that the Selectmen of Boston be notified to attend on Saturday morning next, the fourth current

Nov. 4th. continued to the next session.

SAML. SEWALL, Junr.
THOMAS STEDMAN, senr.
THOMAS GARDNER senior
JOSEPH WHITE
BENJ'A. WHITE
JOHN WICHESTER senr.
SAMUELL ASPINWALL
JOSIAH WINCHESTER

In the House of Representatives
June 29: 1705
Read & sent up.

To His Excellency the Govr. Council and Assembly, in General Court convened.

The Humble petition of the Inhabitants of Muddy River,

Showeth, That at a Session of this Hon ble Court held at Boston on the Thirteenth of August 1704, The sd. Inhabitants Exhibited their humble Petition praying that the said Muddy River might be allowed a separate Village or peculiar and be invested with such powers and Rights as they may be enabled by themselves to manage the general affaires of the sd place. Which petition has been transmitted to the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, that they may consider the same, since which your humble petitioners not having been informed of any objection made by the Town of Boston aforesaid, we presume that there is no obstruction to our humble request made in our Petition.

Wherefore we humbly beseech your Excellency that this Hon ble Court will be pleased to proceed to pass an Act for the establishing the said place a separate Village or peculiar with such Powers as aforesaid and your Petitioners shall ever pray &c.

SAMUEL SEWALL junr.
THOMAS GARDNER
BENJAMIN WHITE
THOMAS STEDMAN
JOHN WINCHESTER
SAMUEL ASPINWALL
ELEAZER ASPINWALL
WILLIAM SHARP
EDWARD DEVOTION
JOSIAH WINCHESTER junr
THOMAS WOODWARD

JOSEPH WHITE
JOSIAH WINCHESTER
JOHN DEVOTION
JOSEPH GARDNER
THOMAS STEDMAN jun.
JOHN ACKARS
JOSHUAH STEDMAN
THOMAS GARDNER jun.
RALPH SHEPARD
ABRAM. CHAMBERLEN
PETER BOYLSTONE
JOHN ACKERS Junr.
WILLIAM ACKERS
BENJAMIN WHITE Jun.
CALEB GARDNER
JOHN SEAVER
J— WINCHESTER.

The Committee appointed to consider & draw up what might be thought proper to lay before the Genl. Court relating to the petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Muddy River praying to be dismisst from the Town of Boston & admitted to be a Town of themselves—

Upon pu-sal of the sd Petition observed that several sessions of the Genl. Court had passed after the time set for the hearing thereof & that consequently the matter then fell: however, if it be again revived by any new petition or order, we think it proper to Lay before the Court the unreasonableness of their Demand: They having been hitherto supported by the Town while they were not able themselves to defray their necessary public charges many of which might be enumerated & the town charges now increasing upon us, & the body of ye town abounding with poor & such as are not capable to defray but rather greatly increase the charges, for the Inhabitants of Muddy River at such a time & being themselves now grown more oppulent and capable to be helpful to ye town to be sent from us seems most unreasonable and in them very ingrateful & may be a bad example to others to endeavour the like, & so cutt the towns into such shreds as will best suit themselves without any due regard to ye publick Interests : The charge of the road upon the Neck is great & is still growing & the Petitione & Inhabitants of Muddy River have had more benefit & do more to increase the charge of that way than all the rest of the town, several other things might be instanced which the Selectmen are well acquainted with & we think they ought (if the General Court see cause to proceed in the petition) to pray to be heard therein.

ELISHA COOKE,
in the name & by order of ye Committee.

In Council, June 15, 1705, Read & ordered a hearing before this court on Tuesday the 19th currant, And that the Select men of Boston be notified thereof.

ISA ADDINGTON, *Secy.*

Sent down for concurrance.
June 15 : 1705 read.

In ye House of Representatives, June 20th 1705 Resolved, that since the time of the hearing

That there be a hearing thereof on Friday next, at three of the clock in ye afternoon

To His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq.
Capt. General & Commander in Chief and to ye
Honourable ye Council & Assembly.

The answer of ye Selectmen & ye Committee of ye Town of Boston to ye Petition of ye Inhabitants of Muddy River, Humbly Showeth, That they have bin as easy in this Town as they could in reason desire. They have not urged any thing in their Petitions to the contrary. This Town has never called on them to support the ministry of the Town as is usual in the like cases in ye country, They have not bin enjoyned to watchings and wardings either stated or occasional wc has been heavy on ye body of the Town. Upon yr desire & regular motion for a School in that part of ye Town yt has been allowed them; That lately yr has not bin more levied on them (and not always so much) as would defray the charges Incident in that part of ye Town, & where as they mention in yr petition yt it would encourage them in time to support the charge of a Settled Ministry, thereby importing yr present Inability, wc seems a very preposterous arguing, the Law requiring a settled Ministry as one Qualification for a Township & some of the Subscribers since yr signing have Declared yr contrary Intention, and that wc makes this yr Desire the more unreasonable is that they have been hitherto supported by the Town while they were not able themselves to defray yr Publiqe charges in the many Instances to be enumerated,

That it may be a President of Ill Consequences to ye Publiq to divide Townships into small slips of Land rendering them weak & every charge a Burden tending to starve Learning & Religion out of ye country (especially where no reason of state requires) the consideration of wc we submitt to this honorable Court.

We humbly offer further to this honorble court that such a separation is contrary to ye undoubted right & interest of Boston there being 500 acres of land laid common in that part of the

Town wh is the Towns right but on a seperation can be no service to the Town.

That the Town is very much straightened in its present boundaryes by our former too easy concessions as was that of the Neck to Dorchester, of the land of Newtown to Cambridge and the whole Township of Braintree: and would be much now if Muddy River so near to us, should be seperated from the Town.

Rumney marsh &c, would have a president to desire the same, so that Boston would only be confined to this Isthmus of a mile long wch was never thought sufficient bounds for a Township: especially at this time when Boston is daily the Center of all foreign poor &c, of Saylors, widdows, and the refuge of our distressed Neighbours from the fronteer who Insensibly grow upon us: So that upon the whole we hope your Excy & this honble Court will dismiss the sd petition.

June the 22th 1705. Pr order of the Selectmen

JOSEPH PROUT, *Town Clerk.*
EPHRAIM SAVAGE }
BOZOUN ALLEN } *Committee*
OLIVER NOYES }

In the House of Representatives.
Novr. 2d & 3d 1705

9 Read and Ordered That the Praier of this Petition be Granted and the Powers and Privileges of a Township be Given to the Inhabitants of the Land commonly known by the name of Muddy River. The Town to be called Brookline, who are hereby Injoined to Build a Meeting House and obtain an able orthodox Minister according to Direction of the law, to be settled amongst them within the space of three years next coming.

Provided that all common Lands belonging to the Town of Boston lying within the Bounds of the said Muddy River, not

Disposed of or allotted out, shall still remain to the Proprietors of the said Lands.

THOMAS OAKES, *Speaker.*

Sent up for concurrence.

In Council, Novr. 16. 1705 Read a 1st time.

Read a 2nd time and pass'd a concurrance

ISA ADDINGTON, *Secry.*

MUDDYRIVER TOWN BOOK

OR A BOOK OF RECORDS FOR

The Hamlet of Muddyriver.

New England

By the president and Council of his Majesties Territory and dominion aforesd &c. Wenesday December 8th 1686

Present the Honorable JOSEPH DUDLY Esq'r president & WM STOUGHTON Esq'r Deputy president

EDWARD RANDOLPH
WAIT WINTHROP
RICHARD WHARTON
JOHN USHER
JOHNA. TYNG
BARTHO GIDNEY
} *Esq'r*

In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of Muddyriver praying to have liberty to Erect a school &c upon the hearing thereof the president and Council do Order that henceforth the sd Hamlet of Muddyriver be freed from Town rates to the Town of Boston they maintaining their own Highways and pōre and other publick charges arising amongst themselves and that within one year next Coming they raise a school House in such place as the Two next Justices of the Countie upon a publick hearing of the Inhabitants of the sd Hamlet shall Determine

As also maintaine an able reading and writing Master there from and after that Day and that the Inhabitants annually meet to choose three men to manage their affairs

EDWARD RANDOLPH *Secr'y*

A True Coppie attests

BENJAM'N BULLIUANT *late Clarke of the Councill*

Muddyriver

January 19*th* 168$\frac{6}{7}$ At a full Meeting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver they Voted the acceptance of the late grant of the president in council as the same was read and is expressed

Voted that for the Annual maintenance of the Schoolmaster above be twelve pounds ꝑ anum in or as Monye Raised equaly by a Rate according to usual manner of Raising publick charges by the three men And that the Remainder necessary to support the charges of the Master be laid equaly upon the scholors heads save any persons that are poore to be abated in part or in whole.—

By vote mad choise of Ens. Andrew Gardner John White Jun'r and Tho. Stedman to be three men to Manage their affairs

Tho. Boylston chosen Town Clarke and ordred to buy a Book and to Enter therein all Necessaries Relating to the Town and that from time to time

The things above Recorded in this page were found written in a book of Mr Thomas Boylstons who dyed before this Book was Bought and were exactly transcribed out of it and the above Records is all that could be found enterd In that Book relating to the publick affairs of Muddyriver

As Attests JOSIA WINCHESTER *Clarke*

1697

At a General Meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver on Munday March 15th 1697$\frac{}{8}$

Then were chosen by the Inhabitants of sd Muddyriver Three men to manag their affairs for the Year Ensuing

Viz Leu. Tho. Gardner Benjamin White Rogger Adams

It was then voted by the Inhabitants of Muddyriver aforesaid that Josiah Winchester should be clark of the hamlet of Muddyriver for the year ensuing

As allso two Men for Survayors of Highwayes Viz Joshua Gardner John Druce

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver on munday March 29 1697_8 Joshua Child was voted Connstable for the hamlet of Muddyriver aforesayed

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Muddyrivor May 28 1697 to consult about the support of the scholl and the defraying other publick charges

It was then voated that Mr John Searl should tech school in sd Muddyriver from the first Munday in may 1697 until the last day of february 1697 (8) ?

Also upon this 28th of May 1697 it was voated by the Inhabitants of Muddyriver that twelve pounds should be levied upon the Inhabitants towards the schoolmasters salary according to a former voate of the Inhabitants upon the 19th of January 1686

It was likewis voated by the Inhabitants on this 28th of May 1697 that the Select men should levy Mony by Rate upon the Inhabitants to defray the charges of repairing the Schol-house and pound

1698

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver March 7 169^8_9 Joseph Buckminster was choson connstable by the voate of the Inhabitants for the yeare insueing

Solomon Phips Joseph Gardner Joseph Davis Surveyers of High ways

Leut. Thomas Gardner Benjamin Whit Rogger Adams chosen Select men

Josiah Winchester chosen Town clark

1699

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver March the 6th 1699 to chus counstable Select men & other officers necessary for sd Hamlet

Ralf Shepard was voted Counstable Leut. Thomas Gardner Sarg't Benjamin Whit Sarg't Samuel Aspenwall Select men

Josiah Winchester Town clark

Survayers of High ways Joshuah Gardner & Nathaniel Stedman

Joseph Davis & Joshuah Child fence vewers

John Devotion & Josiah Winchester Tything-men

1700

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver March 4th $\frac{1699}{700}$

Joseph Davice was chosen constable

Leut. Thomas Gardner Serg't Benj. White Samuel Aspenwal Select men

Joseph White & Jo'n Devotion survayers of ye high-ways

Nathaniel Holand & Ralph Shepard fence vewers

Joshua Gardner & Daniel Harris Tythingmen

1701

At a General Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Muddyriver upon March 3d 170$\frac{1}{2}$ to Chose officers for the Hamlet &c. the three Men chosen to Manage the affairs of ye Hamlet wre Leut. Thomas Gardner Ens'n Thomas Stedman Sarg't Benjamin White

Josiah Winchester was chosen cleark of sd Hamlet

John Druce Counstable

Joseph White John Devotion & Joshua Child Survayers of Hyghways

upon this 3d day of March 170$\frac{1}{2}$ It was allso

Voated that there shold be a pound Erected this present yeare 1701 within this hamlet

1702

At a General Meting of ye Inhabitants of Muddy river March 2d 170$\frac{2}{3}$ Leut. Thomas Gardner Sarg't Benjamin White and Sarg't Samuel Aspenwal were then chosen to manage ye Affairs of the Hamlet

Josiah Winchester was then chosen cleark

Solomon Phips Counstable

Joshua Child. Thomas Stedman Jun'r & Edward Devotion were chosen Survwayers of the high-wayes

Ralph Shepard & John Winchester Junior were chosen fence-Viewers

1703.

At a meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver March 1st $1702\frac{3}{4}$ to chuse Select men and a counstable and other officers &c it was then voted that Leut. Tho. Gardner Benjamin White Senior and Samuel Aspenwall Should be the three Select-men to Manage the afairs of sd place for this present yeare

Josiah Winchester chosen clark Daniel Harris William Sharp & Peter Boylston were chosen Surveighors of High-ways. John Devotion and Thomas Woodward were chosen fence-viewers

On the same day it was voted by the Inhabitants that a pound should be erected In sd Muddyriver In such place as the three select men shall appoint Voated also by the Inhabitants at the same tim above dated that Monye should be levied on ye Inhabitants to defray the charge of building the aforesaid Pound voted that Edward Devotion should be Counstable of Muddyriver for this present yeare upon the same day above written Joseph White was chosen Tything-man by vote of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver.

1704

At a meting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver March 6th $170\frac{3}{4}$ being Legaly warned It was then voted that Leut. Thomas Gardner Ens'n Benjamin White & Josiah Winchester should be the three men that should manage the afairs of the Hamlet of Muddyriver for this present yeare

Also it was then voted that Josiah Winchester should be clark of ye Records

Voted that Joseph White should serve as Tythingman for this present yeare

Voted that Daniel Harris William Sharp and Peter Boylsten should serve as Surveighrs of High-wayes for the Present yeare

Voted that Samu'l Aspenwal and Samuel Clark should serve as Fence-viewers for this present yeare

Voted by the Inhabitants of Muddyriver on this 6th day of March 1704 that twenty pounds should be Raized by tax up the Inhabitants for the support of the School

Voted that Ralph Shepard should serve as Counstable for this present yeare 1704

1705

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Muddyriver on Munday March the fifth 1705 being Legaly warned

Voted that Thomas Stedman jun'r should sarve as Counstable for Muddyriver for this present yeare

Voted That Leut. Thomas Gardner John Winchester Sen'r and Josiah Winchester should sarve as Select men to Manage the publick afairs of Muddyriver for this present yeare

Voted That John Winchester Jun'r Abraham Chambarlin and John Ackers should sarve as Surveighers of High wayes for this present yeare

Voted that Benjamin White and John Seaver should serve as fence viewers for this present yeare

Voted that the select men should proportion the labour of parsons and teams to repaire the High-wayes

Voted that twelve pounds should be levied by tax upon the Inhabitants of Mudyriver toward the support of the school and that the other part of the charges for the same should be layed equally upon the heads of the children taught thereat for this present yeare

Voted that forty shilings should be levied by tax upon the Inhabitants for the Repairing the School house

[Town of Brookline.]

A Coppy of Brooklins Grant Nov 13. 1705.

Anno Regni Anna Regina Quarto

At a Great and General Court or Assembly for her Maj'ys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England begun and held at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth of May 1705 and continued by several Prorogations unto Wednesday the Twenty Fourth of Octobr following and then mett

Tuesday Nov 13. 1705.

In Council

The Order pass'd by the Representatives upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Muddy River a Hamlett of Boston read on Saturday last viz

Ordered That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted and the Powers and Priviledges of a Township be given to the Inhabitants of the Land commonly known by the Name of Muddy River The Town to be called Brookline who are hereby enjoined to build a Meeting house and Obtain an Able Orthodox Minister according to the Direction of the Law to be Settled amongst them within the space of Three years next coming Provided That all Common Lands belonging to the Town of Boston lying within the bounds of the said Muddy River not disposed of or Allotted out shall still remain to the proprietors of the sd Lands

Which Order being again read was concurred And is consented to

J DUDLEY

Taken from Mr Addington's Coppy sent to the Town

A true Coppy Examind ℘ Isaac Addington Sec'ry

Recorded ℘ Mr Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clark

Brooklin 1706

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin on Munday March 4th 170$\frac{5}{6}$ leagally warned

Voted that Peter Boylston should sarve as Counstable for this present yeare

Voted that five Select-men be chosen to manage the affairs of this Town. The parsons chosen by vote of ye Inhabitants to serve as Select men for this present yeare were Lent. Thomas Gardner Samuel Aspenwall John Winchester Josiah Winchester Mr Samuel Sewal

Voted that Josiah Winchester sen'r should serve as Town clark for this yeare instant

Voted that 3 mēt parson be chosen for Assessors for this present yeare

Voted that Samuel Aspenwall Joseph Gardner and Rogger Adams should serve as Assessors for this yeare currant.

Voted that Daniel Harris and Samuel clark should sarve as Tything-men

Voted that Eleazer Aspinwall Benjamin White jun'r and Robert Harris should serve as surveighers of High wayes

Voted that John Winchester jun'r & Edward Devotion should serve as fence viewers

Voted that Daniel Harris and Thomas Stedman jun'r should be overseears of the Common-Lands In Brooklin for this yeare Currant

Voted that Nathaniel Holland and William Sharp should serve as Hawards or field-drivers for this yeare

At a Town Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklin March 25 1706 leagally warned

Voted that John Winchester sen'r should serve as an assessor for this present yeare in the Rome of Rogger Adams who refused to serve

Voted that there should be a Burying place in this Town of Brooklin.

Voted that the Burying-place should be on a spot of Land on the south side of the Hill in Mr Cottons farm pointing between the two Roads if it can be attaind.

At this Meeting of the Inhabitants they were desired to manifest their minds concerning their Building a Mēting-house In

Brooklin and setling an Orthodox Minister there which proposal was declined by them and left to further consideration

Voted that twelve pound be levied by tax upon the Inhabitants of this Town for Repairing the School-House and for the Support of the School for this present yeare. 1706.

John Winchester *sen'r* Samuel Aspenwal and Joseph Gardner being chosen Assessors of the province Tax to be levied on this Town for this present yeare, mad Oath to perform the work. and office of Assessors as the Law Directs adminisr to them by Josiah Winchester, Town clark, on March, 25, 170$\frac{6}{7}$

1707.

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin upon March the 3d —170$\frac{6}{7}$. legaly warned.

Voted that Joshua Child should serve in the office of a Counstable for this yeare.

Voted that Leut. Thomas Gardner. John Winchester sen'r and Samuel Aspinwall should serve as Select men for this present yeare.

Voted that Josiah Winchester. sen'r should serve as Town clark. who had the oath belonging to that office administred to him by the Select men on this 3 day of march. 1707.

Voted That Thomas Woodward, and Edward Devotion Serve in the office of Tything-men for ye present yeare.

Voted that Timothy Harris, Ralph Shepard and Eleazar Aspinwall serve as surveighers of High-wayes

Voted that Nathaniel Holland and Thomas Gardner, serve as fence-viewers.

Voted that John Elis and John Ackers should serve as Hewards or field-drivers for this present yeare.

Voted that a Tax of twenty pounds be levied upon the Inhabitants for repairing the schol-house and keeping a school for the space of one yeare.

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin on June 7th 1707.

to chuse a Grand-juryman. they then made choyes of Leut. Thomas Gardner to serve in that office.

Nathaniel Holland had the oath belonging to the office of fence-viewer administred unto him on the 25th day of June 1707, by me Josiah Winchester Town clark.

At a Meting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin upon July ye 21—1707. Ens'n Benjamin White was chosen by vote of sd Inhabitants to serve as Select-man. sd Meeting being legaly warned.

upon July ye 21. 1707 Leut. Thomas Gardnar. Ens'n Benjamin White & John Winchester, Sen'r had the oath appointed by Law, to be taken by asessors of ye Province Tax Administred to each of them by me Josiah Winchester town clark.

1707

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin on the 5th day of January 170$\frac{7}{8}$. Legaly warned.

Voted that John Winchester sen'r shold serve as Commissioner, and also that Samuel Aspenwal. Joseph Gardnar and Erosamond Drew. shold serve as Trustees. to joyn with said Commissioner in make ing a valuation of the estate of the afore said Town.

Voted that Mr Samuel Sewal serve as Town-Treasurer

june 1707 chose Lt Gardner Grand jury man.

March 1. 170$\frac{7}{8}$. At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin for Choosing Town Officers. Town Chose Viz

3 Select men. John Windchester. Thomas Stedman and Samuel Sewall jun'r.

John Winchester jun'r Constable for the Next Year.

April 27-1708. Swore John Winchester jun'r to the Office of Constable as the Law directs.

3 Surveyers. John Ellis. Joseph Adams and Joseph Davis. Sworn.

2 Fence Viewers. Ralph Sheppard. Peter Boylston. Sworn as the Law directs.

2 Field drivers. Thomas Gardnar junr. Benj'n White jun'r Sworn.

Chose Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clark. Sworn.

Voted Twelve pounds to pay the Charges of the Town for time past.

June 1708 chose Eros Drew Grand jury man.

March 7. $170\frac{8}{9}$. At a Town Meeting for Choosing Town Officers.

Chose Thomas Woodward Constable Dropt him

Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clerk.

3 Select men John Winchester, Thomas Stedman and Samuel Sewall jun'r.

Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Treasurer.

3 Surveyors. Samuel Clark. Caleb Gardnar and Samuel Newel.

2 Fence Viewers. John Ackers. Josiah Winchester jun'r.

2 Hoggyerds. Edward Devotion. Ebenezer Kindrick

John Sever Constable, upon Woodwards refusal sworn same Day.

Voted Ten pounds to defray charges past.

April 22, 1709 Chose John Winchester. Representative.

June 1709. Chose Josiah Winchester Grand jury man.

He saies not legally so not serve but find 40s pr Justices

At a Town Meeting. Legally warnd Nov 28 1709.

Voted that the Inhabitants have further time to Consider about Building A Meeting House &c And at March meeting to give an Answer.

Voted that the Select men take care to the Disposal of the Wood and Timber fallen in the Common Lands by Fire. For the Benifitt of the Town.

At a Town Meeting Legally warnd March 6. $170\frac{9}{10}$

Voted Will'm Morean Constable. Sworn

3 John Winchester Samuel Sewall jun'r Thomas Stedman Select men

Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clark and Town Treasurer.

3 Surveyers Robert Sharp. Caleb Gardner jun'r. Sworn and Samuel Newel—sworn.

2 Fence Viewers. Amos Gates. Edward Devotion. Sworn.

2 Hogyards or Field drivers Jhon Winchester James Shedd.

At a Town Meeting Legally Warned May 16. 1710

Chose John Winchester Representative.

Voted Mr Woods have timber Gratis vallued about 20s. Gott out of Common Swamps ꝑ Mr Morean

Voted Eleven pounds be Levied upon the Inhabitants to defray the Town charges.

Granted Nine pounds to John Winchester for being Representative for 1709. For 64 Days service abating the 12d over at 3d ꝑ Day.

June 1710. Chose Dan'l Harris Grand jury man.

At a Town Meeting. Legally warned March 5th $17\frac{10}{11}$

Chose Lt. Gardner. John Winchester. Sam'l Aspinwal. Sworn.

Thomas Stedman, and Samuel Sewall jun'r Town clerk and Treasurer.

Chose Caleb Gardner. Will'm Gleason and Joseph Davis. Surveyers. Sworn.

Chose Joseph Gardner. John Sever. Fence Viewers

Chose Thom's Gardner Tertius & Caleb Gardner jun'r Hoggyerds and Field drivers. Sworn.

Chose Thomas Woodward Constable Find

Chose Benj'm White jun'r Constable Sworn

Voted That there be Liberty Granted to Erect Two School houses at there own Charge that improve them. Also that they maintain a good School dame half of the year at each house. That the Town allow the charge for a Master one qr at one School house and the other quarter at the other. To teach, to write and Cypher.

Voted Twenty four pounds be Assessed upon the Inhabitants to defray the Town charges.

Voted That there be a Post Erected to putt Publishments on &c By Ens Whites corner.

Voted John Winchester Eight pounds for his service as Representative: for 1710.

At a Town Meeting Legally Warned May 14 1711

Chose Josiah Winchester. Representative.

Voted That the Select men with the Representative be a Committee to Speak with the Select men of Boston and Act for the Town about the Common Lands.

Agreed with Wm Story to keep School 3 Months He beginning January 7th 17$\frac{11}{12}$. Allowing 5:0:0 for his Services. Agreed with John Winchester jun'r For his man Ed Ruggles to keep School att the New School House 2 Months. He beginning January 23 Wednesday 17$\frac{11}{12}$. Allowing for his Service 4:0:0

℘ Order of Select men. S SEWALL JUN'R
T Clark.

Att a Town Meeting Legally Warned March 3 1712

Voted Joseph Adams Constable for the Ensuing Year

Voted 3 Select men to manage the Affairs of the Town viz Lt Gardner. Samuel Aspinwall & Sam'l Sewall, as also to Assess &c. The Town. Sworn.

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clark. Sworn

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted 3 Surveyers viz. Amos Gates. Josh'a Stedman & Abraham Woodward. Sworn

Voted Caleb Gardner & Eben Kindrick. Fence Viewers

Voted Sam'l Newel. John Ackers. Field drivers. Sworn

Voted Select Men to go & to Receive the £7–11–6 which the Select men have Sett out to us as our proportion, according to our Last Town Rate that we paid to Boston Town in 1686.

Voted That the Raising of money be deferred till May meeting.

Voted That Thomas Woodward be excused from his serving as Constable. He having paid to the Treasurer £4–4–

Coppy of Receipt and Record given to Mr Prout. Boston T. Clark. Viz March 3. $17\frac{11}{12}$. Brooklin ss Att a Town meeting Legally warned. It was then Voted that the Select men then chose, should receive and demand the part of the money asigned to them by the Select men of Boston according to the Town Rate in 1686. Being the last Town Rate paid by Brooklin to Boston.

The Select men Lt. Gardner Lt. Aspinwal Sam'l Sewall jun'r.

Attested ꝑ Sam'l Sewall Town Clark.

Receipt. We the subscribers two of the Select men have recd of Joseph Prout Treasurer to the Town of Boston £7–11–6 being Brooklin's proportion of ———(the remainder worn off)

At a Town Meeting Legally Warned May 16. 1712

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Representative

Voted That the Six pounds in the Treasurers hands be for the procuring Ammunition for the Town's Use as the Law Directs and requires

Voted That Eighteen pounds be Layed on the Inhabitants For a School and Representative &c.

Voted Select men View the Acc's of Brooklin and make a return in March Meeting.

Att a Town Meeting in June 1712. Mett and chose Joseph Gardner Grand jury man.

At a mēting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin on Monday March 2d $170\frac{12}{13}$. Legally warned.

Voted that Caleb Gardnar jun'r Should serve in the office of Counstable and was then Sworn to sd office as the Law Directs

Voted that Josiah Winchester Sen'r Serve as Town Clark. then Sworn as the Law directs.

Voted that Erosamond Drew. Josiah Winchester sen'r and Thomas Stedman Should Serve as Select men.

Voted that Josiah Winchester Sen'r Serve in the office of Town Treasurer.

Voted that Edward Devotion. Samuel White & Joshua Child Serve as Surveighers of High-wayes

Voted that William Sharp & Wiliam Gleason should serve as Fence-viewers. Sworn.

Voted that Henry Winchester & Josiah Winchester serve as Hawarders or field Drivers. Sworn.

Voted that ye 3 Select men above-named Sarve as assessors

Voted that three men be chosen and appointed to surveigh the limits of this town and to find the center or middle thereof and to inquire where a Convenient Place may be Procured whereon to build a meeting-house; as neare the center of said Town as may be.

Voted that Samuel Aspinwall. John Druce & Peter Boylston be appointed a Committee to Manage the afaire relating to the Meeting-house aforesaid.

At a mēting of the inhabitants of Brooklin regularly assembled, on May 11. 1713. Josiah Winchester was chosen by the Major part of the Electors then Present to serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened Held and kept for her Majest's Service at ye Town house In Boston, upon Wednesday the 27 day of May 1713

Voted Alsso at the mēting afore sd that twenty pounds be levied upon the Inhabitants by Rate. tenn pounds there of towards the support of a School in said town and the other ten Pounds to be imployed for defraying other necessary charges of sd Town. May 1713 the oath of an asessor was administred———(the remainder worn off)

At a Mēting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin June 8th 1713. Samuel Clark Sen'r was chosen to serve on the Grand-jury of Inquest.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin. Regulerly assembled on December 2d 1713. Mr Caleb Gardner jun'r did offer and tender freely to Give and bequeath raifie and confirme unto the Town of Brooklin above said. a piece of Land nigh to his dwelling House, Lyeing west ward therefrom on the left hand of the Road way Leading to Roxbury. where on to build a Meeting house for the Publick worship of God.

Voted that Leut. Thomas Gardnar Leut. Samuel Aspinwall Mr Joseph White. Mr Thomas Stedman & Mr John Sever, be a Commite for the sd Town to treate with Mr Caleb Gardnar above sd about the Bounds of sd piece of Land, and to Desire of him a Legal Conveighance and Confirmation thereof to sd Town.

Voted that the Meting-House aforesaid should be of the same Demensions with the Meting-House in the South-west part of Roxbury.

Voted that Leut. Thomas Gardnar. Leut. Samuel Aspinwall Mr Erosamond Drew. Mr Thomas Stedman & Mr John Sever be a Committee to Manage the Concern or affair of Building the above said Meeting House.

Voted That Mr Samuel Sewal jun'r Mr John Winchester Sen'r and Mr Samuel aspinwall. be a Com'ite for the Town to agree with Mr Cotton for a burying Place.

Voted That Mr Samuel Sewal & Mr Peter Boylston should Procure a Pall or Burying-Cloth to Cover the Corps, at the Towns Cost. and that Six pounds be added to and Collected with the rate of twenty pound Granted by the Town to be Levied on the Inhabitants in this present yeare 1713. for the defraying the charge of sd Cloth

Voted that the Inhabitants in the South part of this Town may erect a School House there, at their own charge.

March 1. 17$\frac{13}{14}$ Att a Town Meeting. Legally Warned.

Voted Josiah Winchester. Moderator

Voted William Sharp Constable. Sworn

Voted Josiah Winchester Samuel Aspinwal Samuel Sewall Select men & Assessors Sworn

Voted Samuel Sewall Town Clark

Voted Samuel Sewall Town Treasurer.

Voted Jonathan Winchester Henry Winchester Joshua Child jun'r Surveyers. Sworn

Voted Thom's Gardner jun'r Samuel White Fence Viewers. Sworn.

Voted Dudly Boylston Isaac Gardner Haywards or Field Drivers Sworn.

Voted that the Sums of money Raised for the Keeping of Schools at the Three parts of the Town be distributed and payd to the School which each man shall improve

Voted that Ten pounds be Granted for the Keeping those Schools the Ensuing year.

Voted That One Hundred and Fifteen pounds towards the building of a Meeting House, be Levied by way of Rate upon the Inhabitants in the same way that the Province Tax is. and the defraying all other charges.

Voted That the First Half of the Rate of One Hundred & Fifteen Pounds be Gathered by the Constable or Collector, by the First of June Next and the Other Half by the Last of November next.

Voted That it is thought Necessary that the South westerly End of the Town have a Way laid out for them by the sd Town.

May 17. 1714 Att a Town Meeting Legally Warned.

Voted. In that upon Deliberation the Inhabitants Declined sending a Representative upon the Acc't of their Building a Meeting House and the Great charges thereof for such a Poor Little Town, We the Inhabitants do desire and pray this Hon'd House would Excuse us this year. Inserted this Vote in the Return of the Receipt.

Josiah Winchester & Samuel Aspinwall gave me my Oath as Town Treasurer May 17. 1714.

June 21 1714 Att a Town Meeting Legally Warned. To

Choose a Grand jury man. Mett and did then Choose Ed Devetion Grand jury man for the year Ensuing.

October 5th 1714 Upon a Warrant to the Constable from the Clark of the Superiour Court, For to choose 4 Jury men. Then did meet and chose Joseph Goddard & Will'm Story Grand jury men and Benj'm White jun'r with Ebenezer Kindrick for the jury of Tryals. For the Court that is to Sitt the First Tuesday in Novemb'r.

Nov.br 29th 1714 Att a Town Meeting. Legally Warned. To Choose a Representative. The Inhabitants Declined sending one. Desireing still further to be Excused by the Great and General Court.

March 21 17$\frac{14}{15}$ Att a town meeting. Legally warned

Voted Samuell Sewall. Samuell Aspinwall. John Seaver Select men & assessors.

Voted Henry Winchester Constable for the ensuing year Sworn

Voted Samuell Sewall Town Treasurer

Voted John Seaver Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Thomas Woodward, Isaac Child. Isaac Gleason. Surveyors. Sworn

Voted Samuell Clark & Peter Gardner Jun'r fence viewers Sworn

Voted Ebenezer Kindrick Peter Gardner Hawards Sworn

Voted Joseph Goddard Leather Sealer.

Voted that Thomas Gardner Jun'r have the timber of the old school house Gratis.

Josiah Winchester S'n being Chosen assessor and Town Treasurer refused to serve in said offices.

Voted Joseph Goddard. John Druce. John Winchester J'nr to examine accompts of the meeting house Committee

Voted Samuel Newel Constable. he paying three pounds money was excused by a vote of the inhabitants at sd meeting.

Voted that One hundred and fifteen pounds be Levied by way of rate upon the inhabitants Viz one hundred pounds toward the finishing the meeting house and ten pounds to be improved toward the Support of the Schools. and five pound to defray other necessary Charges that may arise in the town, and that the hundred pounds granted toward the finishing the meeting house, be gathered by the Constable or Collector, the one half by the first of June and the other half by the first of october next.

May 16 1715 Att a Town meeting Legally Warned

Voted that the inhabitants decline sending a representative this year by reason of the charge that will arise upon building ye meeting house

Voted Josiah Winchester Select man. Assessor and Town Treasurer.

Voted that Thomas Stedman. John Winchester jun'r Joseph Goddar & John Druce and Benjamin White Jun'r be a Committee to cary on the work of the meeting house in order to the finishing of it. Viz that they shall lay the lower floor and gallery floors. fill the walls with brick and laithe & Plaister with lime. to set up all the Windows and glaze them and to make and set up all the Doors. to be performed with convenient speed, and that they shall also Clapboard the house throughout.

May 20 1715 Josiah Winchester, Samuel Aspinwall & John Seaver. Sworn Assessors.

May 30 1715 Att a meeting of the inhabitants of Brookline on adjournment.

Voted that the Select men shall Procure a deed of the land on which the old Pound stands if it may be obtained

Voted that the Select men shall Cause the old Pound to be mended.

Voted that Josiah Winchester. Samuel Aspinwall and Thomas Stedman be a Committee to secure to the Town by a legal Conveyance and Deed of Sale of Caleb Gardner the land where ye meeting house stands known by the name of the meeting house spott, Containing about a Quarter of an acre which land the said Caleb Gardner did agree to sell to the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline free from any incumbrance, for the sum of fifteen Pounds and eighteen shillings.

Voted that the Commitee for the meeting house shall glaze the windows with Diamond glase. it was also Agreed upon that the payments of the meeting house rate should be Defered one month longer each Payment.

June 10. 1715 Att a meeting of the inhabitants Peter Boylston chose Grand jury man

June 19. 1715 Josiah Winchester took the oath of Town Treasurer

October 31. 1715 Att a Town meeting. Legally Warned

that whereas a Demurr being raised among the inhabitants of the Town Concerning the cost and manner of the Dinner that was Provided att the Raising of the meeting House.

Voted that they do Allow both of the cost and manner thereof

Voted that the meeting house be ceiled above the galleries forthwith.

November 21. 1715. Att a meeting of the inhabitants of Brooklyn on adjournm't.

Voted that the former meeting house Committes accompt of one Hundred fifty two pounds Seventeen Shillings and eleven pence be Allowed.

Voted that the meeting house should be finished with all Convenient speed, as soon as Workmen and matterials can be Procured.

Voted that the present Committe be employed to finish the meeting house if they se cause to accept the employment.

Voted that fifty pound be raised by way of rate in Brookline to Defrey the Charge of finishing the meeting house and to pay the Town's arrears.

Voted that there should be Allowed to constable Henry Winchester thirty shillings as a pension for his service this year it being a year of more than ordinary Rattes.

Voted that there should be an open way laid out from the south part of Brookline (to wit) from the Road that leadeth from jamacai to Erossamond Drews saw mill along by Joshua Childs house to the Country Road that leadeth from Roxbury to Newton through Brookline along by Leftena't Thomas Gardners house.

March 12 1716 Att a meeting of the inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned: Chose John Seaver Town clerk. Sworn.

Voted Josiah Winchester senior. Town Treasurer

Voted Samuel Aspinwal. Tho. Stedman & John Winchester Jun'r Select men.

Voted John Ackers Constable for ye ensuing year Sworn

Voted Josiah Winchester Jun'r Steven Winchester & Wm Davis Surveyars.

Voted Joshua Child & Amariah Winchester fence viewers

Voted Joseph Goddard Leather Sealer.

Voted Wm Gleason & Amos Gates Hawards Sworn

Voted that the vacant room in the body of the meeting house below be improved for building and seting up pews thereon.

Voted that the vacant room in the meeting house aforesd. whereon to erect pews be disposed of by sale to those persons who by a committe chosen by the vote of the town for that end, shall think meet: and consequently a committe was elected: to wit: Josiah Winchester sen'r Erosamond Drew. Samuel Aspinwal. John Druce John Winchester Thomas Stedman & Benjamin White Jun'r.

March 26. 1716 Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on Adjournment from march the 12th to march the 26th and then met.

Voted the Delinquent Constables: Viz Caleb Gardner and Wm. Sharp Discharged of the penalty they had lain themselves under by their negglect of making up their accompts in season with the Town Treas'r.

Voted Wm Sharp forty shillings as a gratuity of the Town for his service as Constable it being a year of extraordinary Charges in ye town.

Voted forty pounds to be Levyed by way of rate on the Inhabitants to defrey the Charges of the Town and School.

Voted that the Town shall keep in repair all the Pew Windows that are in the meeting house, or shall be made yr, for the conveniency of the pews. the proprietors of the said Pews. having first made and finsd ym.

Voted that under the Galleries in the meeting house be ceiled upon the Town cost.

Voted that those persons that are Allowed to be proprietors of the pews. or spaces whereon to erect pews in the meeting house they and their heirs shall have good and Legal right to them forever. Provided Nevertheless that if any person who is a proprietor of a Pew shall remove out of the Town so that he dwell not in the said Town, or if reduced to such mean circumstances that he or they do not neither are able to pay their Proportion to the Publick charge that arises in the Town, in either of these cases afore mentioned any such person or persons shall forfeit their right to their Pew and it shall return again to the Town to be disposed of by them to any other person.—Provided that the town pay back again to the Last proprietor so much money as the town received for the spot or space whereon the pew was built and also the cost of building the same.

att this meeting on adjournment march 26. 1716 the committe chosen by a vote of the Inhabitants of the town on the 12 of march to dispose of the vacant room in the meeting house and such for pews, they accordingly brought in their resolution at the sd meeting on adjourm and declared the same and to whom they had assigned the spotts for pews and they all accepted the same and the sum or price on them laid, except Joseph White and Leiut. Tho. Gardner.

May 8 1716 Att a meeting of the inhabitants of Brooklyn legaly Warned, the inhabitants Decline choosing a Representative.

the Town fixed the several schools precincts, to witt from A place known by the name of Caleb Gardners walnut tree at the North end of the town from sd tree to Cambridge line, the center or middle part of the town from sd walnut tree to Newton line including Joseph Adams. Joseph Goddard & Henry Winchester: The south end of the Town taking in Samuel Newel and all the other families at the south end.

June 27 : 1716 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn legaly warned

Voted that the cost of mr Allins entertainment on the sabbath days be defrayed out of the town Tresury.

John Druce Chosen Grand Jury man for this year.

September 26 : 1716 Samuel Aspinwall. Thomas Stedman and John Winchester Jun'r were sworn Assessors.

Sept 28 : 1716 Josiah Winchester Jun'r: was sworn surveyor.

December 10*th* 1716 Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned. chose mr James Allin to be our settled minister in sd Town.

Voted to give mr Allin 100 pounds gratuity for settlement & 80 pounds Sallary. att the sd meeting the town granted that the North end Inhabitants of sd Town of Brookline should have a more convenient way or road to the meeting house than at present they enjoy:

February 18*th* $17\frac{16}{17}$ Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned Chose mr James Allin to be our gospell minister the Town appointed seven men to treat w't mr Allin viz: Lieut. Thomas Gardner. John Winchester Joseph White. Ens. Benj. White. Josiah Winchester. Capt. Samuel Aspinwall and Erosaman Drew to be a Committe.—

Voted to Allow mr Allin if he accepted of being our settled minister £100 In order to settlement in way of Gratuity and £80 Annually by way of sallary.

That Whereas the above mentioned Committe or the major part of them having treated w't the said Mr James Allin accordingly brought in their report to the Town att march meeting next following the above mentioned meeting on February 18th 17^{16}_{17} viz: that the sd mr James Allin accepted to serve the town of Brooklyn as their Gospel minister or Pastor and also accepted what the town had offered to Allow him for sd service viz: £100 pounds in order to settlement as a gratuity and £80 pounds by way of sallary ꝑ Annum: Except, that the said mr James Allin did request that the sd town would Allow Him some fire wood. upon which request the town granted him. ten cord of fire wood yarly when he should be settled in said town, which appears by a vote of the town at march meeting following.

March 18*th* 17^{16}_{17} Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned

Voted Josiah Winchester sen'r Capt. Sam'l Aspinwall. Benj. White Jun'r selectmen.

Voted John Seaver Town Clerk—— —— —— —— ——sworn

Voted mr Edw White Constable who paid the fine of £5–0–0

Voted Robert Harris Constable —— —— excused

Voted Thomas Cotton Josiah Winchester Jun'r Abr. Chamberlin Surveyors sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner & Samuel Clark Jr fence viewers

Voted Joseph Goddard Town Treasurer and Leather Sealer sworn Treasurer

Voted Amos Gates & Wm Gleason Hawards Sworn.

Voted that mr James Allin have ten cord of firewood yearly and every year so long as he shall be our settled minister or Pastor in sd town of Brooklyn, which sd wood to be conveyed to his house when he shall have occasion for the same, and att the towns cost.

Voted that the overplus of the contribution that now is and the money that the Pew Spotts were sold for, shall be improved to defrey the Towns Present. Charges—— —— ——

Voted that the ministers sallary of £80 pounds be raised by an equall and Proportionable Rate Levyed on the Inhabitants.

Voted that the overplus or strangers money of the contribution be Delivered into the Town Treasurer for the Towns use.

April 30. 1717 Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn legaly warned. Chose Josiah Winchester Sen'r Representative—

Voted that Erasomond Drew. John Druce. Josiah Winchester sen'r Benj. White Jun'r Caleb Gardner Sam'l Clark sen'r & Wm Sharp be a committe to procure a burying place for the use of sd town. if it can be obtained:

Voted Samuel White Constable who refused to serve.

June 24 1717. Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legaly warned. Chose John Winchester Jun'r grand jury man. att sd meeting Sam'l White was established constable & sworn.

Voted sd Sam'l White £2–0–0 in way of gratuity for his services as cons'l–

Josiah Winchester Sen'r– Sam'l Aspinwall & Benjamin White Jun'r Sworn Assessors for this year 1717 —— —— ——

7th october 1717 Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Assembled.

Voted that 24 pound be drawn out of the publick stock to defrey the Charges of mr Allin's Ordination —— —— —— ——

Voted that fifteen pound be levyed by way of rate upon ye Inhabitants to support the schools, which are in ye Town.

Voted that the New way laid out between Isaac childs & Thos. Woodwards be repaired & made feizable at the Town's cost.

Voted John Winchester Sen'r Thomas Gardner sen'r Joseph White. Capt Aspinwall & Thos. Stedman be a Committe to seat the meeting House: —— ——

Voted that the 13 day of November be the day for ordination of mr: Allin.—— —— —— ——

November 21 : 1715 (7)? Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Assembled, it was then voted that there should be Laid out an open Highway, from the Road leading from Roxbury to Erosam Drew's Saw mill a crosse to Sherbourn Road so called, which accordingly was effected by the select men viz : Capt. Samuel Aspinwall. Thomas Stedman & John Winchester Jun'r who have agreed with all the proprietors, and the Damage by running sd way through their proprieties has been paid as appears in the Account Book of sd Town of Brooklyn ; The aforesd Highway beginning at the Road leading from Roxbury to mr Drews saw mill as aforesd near Isaac Childs house on the east of sd house as it is staked out and running Northerly through Isaac Childs land to the land of Samuel Newel & then turning a little toward the east running through the land of Joseph Dudley Esq'r then turning Northerly and running through or upon part of Joshua Childs Land being part of Bowens farm so called, then entering upon the Land of Thomas Woodward to the Land of Joseph White then turning a little toward the east running to the Land of the Heirs of Jonathan Torrey Late of Brooklyn alias mudyriver Deceased. then running Northerly to the Road or lane known by the name of Woodwards lane to the Road commonly known by the name of Sherbourn Road.

That whereas at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Assembled on the Thirtieth of April 1717 at which meeting a committe was chosen viz. Erosaman Drew John Druce Josiah Winchester sen'r Benj White jun'r Caleb Gardner Samuel Clark sen'r and Wm Sharp to procure a burying place to Inter the dead in. Accordingly brought their report that they had agreed with Samuel Clark Jun'r for half an acre of his land near the meeting house. for eight pounds to be paid by the town for sd half Acre of land. Also Agreed with sd Clark that he should have the herbage of sd land provided he maintain the front fence against it, but in case the town se cause to fence the sd burying place intire, sd

Clark shall be quit from any charge of fencing about sd land either front or division.

March 3 1717–18 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Assembled. Chose Josiah Winch'r sen'r md'r.

Voted Josiah Winchester sen'r Capt. Samuel Aspinwall Benj'n White Jun'r Thomas Stedman & John Seaver Select men

Voted John Seaver Town Clerk —— Sworn —— —— ——

Voted mr Samuel Sewall Town Treasurer —— sworn —— ——

Voted Josiah Winchester Jun'r Constable —— sworn

Voted that twenty pounds be Levyed by way of Rate upon the Inhabitants for mending and repairing all the highways belonging to the town this year.

Voted Captain Aspinwall & Caleb Gardner surveyors sworn

Voted that the surveyors shall receive the twenty pounds granted to repair the highways to be disposed of at their discretion

Voted Robert Sharp & Thomas Cotton fence viewers sworn

Voted that the select men shall be the Assessors.

Voted Thomas Lee Grave Digger.

Voted William Davis and Joseph Scott Hawards sworn

march 10. 1717–18 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on Adjournment from march the third to march ye tenth and then mett.

Voted to continue the spot of land where the old pound stands to be the place where to Erect a new one.

Voted that the select men provide a sufficient pound at the Towns cost.—— —— ——

Voted that Lieut. Thomas Gardner be the keeper of the pound

Voted that twenty pound be levyed by way of Rate upon ye Inhabitants this year for the support of the schools.

Voted that John Seaver have one pound and ten shillings of the town for his service as town clerk for three years Last past. ——

Voted twenty pounds to be Levyed by way of Rate upon the Inhabitants for defreying the necessary charges of the Town this year.—— ——

Voted that Thomas Woodward sen'r have ten shilling paid him by the Town for entertaining Kathn. Horton

April 29 1718 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned Chose Lt. Thomas Gardner Representative.

The Committe Chosen to dispose of the vacant room in ye meeting house whereon to Erect Pew's & to vallue the same having concluded that Affair made their return. And by order of the select men it is here Entered ꝑ me John Seaver Town Clerk May 1–1718 & is as followeth=

To Mr Sam'll Sewall the sd committe ordered that he should have that spott or room next the Pulpit on the west. & vallued it at five pounds, who accepted thereof.—— ——

To John Winchester sen'r said committe ordered that he should have the next spott or room westerly of mr Sewall's & vallued it at four pounds & ten shillings who accepted thereof.——

To Capt. Sam'll Aspinwall the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room at the westerly Corner of the meeting house, & vallued it at three pounds and fifteen shillings who accepted thereof —— —— ——

To Lt. Thomas Gardner the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room between Capt. Aspinwall's And the westerly Door of the meeting house and vallued it at four pounds & ten shillings who accepted yr of —— ——

To John Seaver the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room between the westerly Door of the meeting house & the stairs leading to the mens Gallerrie & vallued it at four pounds & five shillings who accepted thereof ——

To John Druce the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room on the left hand of the going up the stairs. into the mens Gallery & vallued it at three pounds & ten shillings who accepted thereof.—— —— ——

To Joseph Gardner the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room on the left hand of the coming in at the

Southerly Door of the meeting house & vallued it at three pounds & ten shillings who accepted thereof ——

To Josiah Winchester sen'r the sd committe ordered that he should have that spott or room on the right hand of the coming in at the southerly Door of the meeting house & vallued it at three pounds & ten shillings who accepted thereof —— —— ——

To Thomas Stedman the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room between Josiah's Winchester's & the going up into the women's Gallery and vallued it at three pounds and ten shillings who accepted thereof.—— —— ——

To William Sharp the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room between the stairs leading up into the women's Gallery & the Easterly Door of the meeting house & vallued it at four pounds and ten shillings who accepted thereof. —— —— ——

To Ensign Benjamin White the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room on the right hand of the coming in at the east Door of the meeting house & vallued it at three pounds who accepted thereof.——

To Benjamin White Jun'r the said Committe ordered that he should have that spott or room between Ensign White's and Peter Boylston's & vallued it at four pounds who accepted thereof. ——

To Peter Boylston the said committe ordered that he should have that spot or room at the North corner of the meeting house between Benjamin White's and the minister's Pew & vallued it at three pounds and ten shillings who accepted yr of ——

The said Committe appointed the minister's pew to be next the Pulpit on the right hand of the going up into the Pulpit on the North ——

August 14. 1718 Josiah Winchester, Samuel Aspinwall, Thos. Stedman. Benj'n White Jun'r & John Seaver were sworn Assessors for Brooklyn ——

Dec. 29. 1718. the select men or ye major part of them Agreed with Amariah Winchester to keep the Center School in Brooklyn three months begining on the sd 29 of Dec. for seven pounds & four shillings.

June 1718 Joseph Goddard was chosen Grand Jury man for said year ——

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn yt was Legally warned on march 2d. 17$\frac{18}{19}$

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted Joseph Gardner Hennery Winchester & Leiu. Caleb Gardner Select men for ye ensuing year &

Voted Edward White Town clerk & sworn

Voted ye Select men to be Assessors & sworn

Voted Samuell Sewall Constable he refused promised to pay the fine which is five pounds.

Voted Robert Sharp constable & Sworn

Voted Edward White Town Treasurer & Sworn

Voted Capt. Samu'll Aspinwall Leiu: Caleb Gardner surveyers to work out ye money which was left ye last year of 20 pounds granted to repair & mend ye Highwayes which money is about eight pounds they were Sworn

Voted John Ackers Addington Gardner fence viewers

Voted William Sharp Leather Scaler & Sworn

Voted John Taylor Isaac Child Hawards & Sworn

Voted Josiah Winchester jun: sealer of weights & measure & sworn

Voted the letters of ye Seal for weights & measures be B L.

Voted that mr Allin shall have all the Strangers money delivered into ye contribution Box both for ye time past & to come

Voted that the charge of ye provision made to entertain the minister on ye fast day some time ye last Summer to be paid out of the publick Stock of sd town

Voted 15 pounds for ye School

Voted 15 pounds to defray other necessary Town charges.

The meeting yt was on ye 2d day of march in 17$\frac{18}{19}$ was continued until the eleventh day of may at 12 of ye clock at noon so yt the inhabitants of ye Town mought have some time to consider where ye most proper place would be for the way yt was granted to the north end inhabitants on ye 10 day of Decem: in 1716. to be a more convenient way to ye meeting than they now enjoy to come into Sherbourn Road.

The inhabitants Generally assembled on ye eleventh day of May

Voted that the afore sd way granted to the north end inhabitants shall run from watertown Road across the Land of mr Thomas Cotton and so across the Land belonging to the children of Caleb Gardner late of Brooklyn into Sherbourn Road near to the Lower end of the new stone wall by an old white oak tree—

May 11 1719 att a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned

Voted yt fifteen pounds be raised by way of rate upon ye inhabitants to defray necessary Town charges

June 1719 Thomas Stedman chose Grand jury man

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned on march ye 9th 1720

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted for a com'tee to Settle ye accoumpt of ye sd Town com'tee Edward White James Grigs Caleb Gardner

Voted three Select men viz Joseph Gardner Henry Winchester Caleb Gardner

Voted Select men Assessors & Sworn

Voted Edward White T Clerk sworn

Voted Sam'll Clark constable sworn

Voted Edward White To: Treasurer sworn

Voted to mend ye Highways by working each mans proportion.

Voted but two surveyers ye one to mend all ye wayes belonging to ye north end till yy come to ye negro's ye other to mend all ye rest

Voted James Grigs for ye southerly end of sd Town & sworn

Voted Thomas Cotton surveyer for ye north end & sworn

Voted Jos Adams & Joshua Stedman fence viewers & sworn

Voted Peter Gardner Sam'll White Hawards sworn

Voted yt Isaac Gardners boys head yt was rated through a mistake should be allowed to him

Voted no treasurer to be allowed any thing for his service for ye time past

this meeting is adjourned till ye 2d monday in may att 12 a'clock.

upon ye adjournment.

Voted mr Goddard ye one halfe of what was due to ballance his accoumpt

Voted to raise 15 pounds for ye use of ye School

Voted to allow to mr. Josiah Winchester ju 0=9=9=upon peppers acount

Voted not to allow mr Jon. Winchester forty pounds for ye way acros the land belonging to ye Heirs of Caleb Gardner late of Brooklyn.

Voted not to allow the one pound four sh: & 9: yt he desired to be allowed upon ye account of Town's poor

Voted Sam'll White to (to) be allowed 12sh:

Voted to raise thirty pounds to defray Town charges

Voted a com'tee: to mend the old pound & to make a new one against ye next year

Cap: Sam'll Aspinwall Sam'll White Isaac Gardner com'tee

Voted yt ye Strangers & overplus money yt is brought in by way of contribution shall be brought to ye Town Treasurer for ye Towns use

Voted to allow mr Thomas Cotton 20 pounds for a way a cross his Land for ye north end inhabitants to goe to ye meeting to be an open road for ye towns use

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn Legally warned on march ye 6th $\frac{1720}{1721}$

Voted to have but three Select men

Voted mr. James Grigs mr. Henery Winchester Leiu: Caleb Gardner Select men

Voted Select men Assessors & Sworn

Voted Edward White Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Edward White Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Ebenezer Kindrick & Abraham Chamberlyn tythingmen

Voted Abraham Woodward constable

Voted mr. Isaac Gardner & mr. Joseph Scot surveyers of Highways

Voted Isaac Child william Davice fence viewers

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Voted Joshua Stedman Addington Gardner Hogreaves

Voted cap Aspinwall Dea: Benjamin White. Peter Boylstone be a com'tee to re view ye Treasurers account & if yy find it just to give him afull discharge

and then this meeting adjourned till ye second monday in may at ten of ye clock in ye morning.

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned on purpose to consider something about ye hogs of sd Town

Voted yt ye Hogs should run at large

A Record of ye way for ye north end inhabitants As it was Laid out by ye Select men viz:

Selectmen James Grigs Henery Winchester Caleb Gardner

it begins at wattertown Road & so Runs between ye farms of mr. Rouland Cotton & mr. Thomas Cotton all ye way in sd Thomas Cottons Land & so into ye Land belonging to ye Heirs of Caleb Gardner late of Brooklyn ye first marke on ye west side heap of stones & Stake & from yt two rod wide to another heap of stones & stake East ward from yt to a wallnut tree on ye east side & from sd tree two rod wide to wards ye west from thence on ye west side an Apple tree & a heap of stones on ye east from thence to Sherbourn Road to a heap of stones on ye east & a Rock on ye west

The inhabitants being meet upon ye adjournment from ye 5th of march to the 8th of may

Voted the meeting should be adjourned until the fifteenth of may

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn upon an adjournment from the 8th of may to ye fifteenth of may

Voted to raise fifteen pounds upon Polls & estates of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn for ye use of ye Schools in sd Town for ye year ensuing

Voted to Raise fifteen pounds upon Polls & estates of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn to defray the Town charges for ye year ensuing

Voted yt ye constables yt have not made up & issued yr accounts with ye Town Treasurer by ye 15th day of july shall pay 5Sh. a month for ye Town

Voted That mr. Jon. Winchester may Seeke his Recompence in the Law for the damage yt an open High way a cross the Land belonging to ye Heirs of Caleb Gardner ju: late of Brooklyn may be to ye afore sd land

Voted to raise three pounds in afore sd manner to be added to two pounds which was allowed last year toward mending ye pound and it being not improved for yt end to erect & make a new pound

Com'tee. chosen to make a new pound Cap: Aspinwal Sam'll White Isaac Gardner

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned & Assembled on 5th of june in order to Know whether or no ye inhabitants were for sending a man to represent sd Town the year ensuing in ye Great & General court or Assembly

- Voted to send a Representative

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn legally warned & Assembled on monday ye 12th of june in ye year 1721. Edward

White was legally chosen to Represent sd Town in a Great & General court or Assemblie to be held at cambridge for his majesties service.

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn on monday the eleventh day of Septembr legally warned

Voted to raise sixty seven pounds fourteen Shillings upon Polls & estates of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn to pay for yt way which is to be a more convenient way for ye north end inhabitants than yy now enjoy

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye town of Brooklyn on Fryday ye fifteenth day of Septemb'r Legally warned to consult what may be done concerning ye Towns proportion of ye Fiftie thousand pounds Likewise to chose trustees to manage ye same

Voted to receive yr parte of ye fiftie Thousand pounds

Voted to let it out to use

Voted to let it out att six per cent

Voted to chuse but three trustees

Voted Edward White ye first trustee

Voted Sam'll White ye second trustee

Voted Robert Sharp ye third trustee

1722 att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally warned & Assembled on ye 5th day march 1722

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted to Have but three Select men

Voted mr. Henery Winchester first Select man

Voted Leiu. Caleb Gardner second Select man

Voted mr. Peter Boylstone third Select man

Voted Select men Assessors

Voted Edward White Town Clerk

Voted Sam'll Aspinwall Deacon White & Peter Boylston be a committe to audit the treasurer accounts if they find them Right cast & well avouched to give him a full discharge from the same

Voted Edward White Town Treasurer & sworn

Voted Joshua Child constable he refusing to serve promised to pay the fine

Voted Thomas cotton constable he refusing to serve promised to pay the fine.

Voted James Grigs constable & he paid his money

Voted that it is necessary to erect a new pound

Committ'e to Erect the same Robert Sharp Sam'll White Richard Gardner

Voted the afore sd committe Get a conveyance of the spot of Ground whereon the pound now stands of Deacon Thomas Gardner

Voted Benjamin Gardner & Thomas Aspinwall Hogreaves for ye year ensuing

Voted John Woodward & Elhan Winchester fence viewers for the year ensuing

Voted Elhanan Winchester sealer of Leather

Voted Sam'll Clark Clerk of the market

Voted mr. Isaac Gardner surveyer of High ways for that parte of the Town from the negros to cambridge line all the Highways conteined in that space of ground

Voted Joseph Scot for the southerly parte of said Town

Voted the consideration of making pews of the hind seat is refered to the next town meeting

Voted to raise no money this present time but to refer granting of money to may meeting

Voted Isaac Child constable he refused to serve promised to pay the fine

Voted Amariah Winchester constable

Voted not to Allow widow Hovey her Rates

Voted to adjourn ye meeting to the second tuesday of May att two a clock in ye afternoon

att a meeting of ye Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally warned to chose a Representative

Voted Edward White to serve for & Represent sd town in ye Great & general court ye year ensuing

att a meeting upon an adjournment from ye 5th day of march to ye eighth day of May

Voted Thomas Stedman & Joseph Addams Tything men

Voted to excuse Leiu: Gardner from serving as Select man

Voted mr. Sam'll White a Select man (in rome of mr. Caleb Gardner) for ye year ensuing

Voted to Raise twentie five pounds upon Polls & estates of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn to defray the charges of ye schools in sd Town for ye year ensuing.

Voted to raise five pounds to defray Town charges for ye year ensning

March 4 1723

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally warned & met

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted to have but three Select men

Voted Henery Winchester first Select man

Voted Peter Boylston second select man

Voted Sam'll White third select man

Voted Edward White town clerk

Voted Edward White Town Treasurer

Voted Cap Sam'll Aspinwall Dea Benjamin White Peter Boylston be a committe to view the Treasurers accoumpts & if they find them right cast & well avouched to give ye sd Treasurer a full discharge therefrom

Voted Amos Gates constable

Voted Sam'll Clark junior surveyer of highways for the north division of ye Town of Brooklyn

Voted Joshua child junior surveyer for the Southerly division of sd Town

Voted Edward Devotion & Sam'll Newell tything men

Voted Dudley Boylston & Nath'll Woodward Fence viewers

Voted Sam'll Clark clerk of the market

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Voted John Woodward & Nath'll Seaver Hogreavers

Voted Select men Assessors

Voted the select men to be a committe to Search the records concerning a way to mr. Joseph Goddards land or any other way that may be thought to be benificial for the sd Town & to lay true coppies of the records before the Town att their meeting in may next.

Voted to have three School Houses in the Town

Voted that there Should be trustees to manage the affairs of the Schools in the sd Town

Voted that there should be two trustees to each prescint

Voted Edward White John Winchester trustees for ye north end

Voted Dea: White John Seaver trustees for ye middle

Voted James Grigs & Joshua Child trus: for the south end

Voted that there shall be three prescints in the sd Town

Voted that the north prescint extend so far south as to take in all the land upon watertown road on both sides of the way & to the line to run up the new lane streight over to Roxbury line

Voted that the southerly prescint extend so far north as to take in mr. Joseph Goddards land & so run between mr. Woodwards & mr. childs land taking in Sam'll Newells land & from thence streight to troublesome swamp bridge from thence streight to Newtown line

Voted the middle parte of the Town that is not cut of by any prescint line to be a prescint by theirselves

Voted that all the people that live in each prescint both their polls & estates shall pay to the school in the prescint where they live

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the thirteenth day of may at three of the clock in the afternoon

May 13 1723

at a meeting of the inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally warned to chuse a Representative

Voted Edward White to serve for & Represent ye sd Town in the great & general court the year ensuing.

May 13 1723. the Town being met upon the adjournment from march 4 1723 to may 13 1723 whereas complaint being made that Josiah Winchester hath set up Gates a cross a highway in the Town of Brooklyn

Voted that Peter Boylston Sam'll White & Robert Sharp be a committe to treate with sd Winchester & if he refuse to open the sd way then the committe are to take all proper steps in the law with sd Winchester or any other person in order to lay the sd way open

Voted to raise thirty pounds upon the Polls & estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn to defrey the charge of the schools in sd Town the year ensuing.

Voted to raise twentie pounds in the sd Town to defrey other necessary Town charges for ye year ensuing.

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of Brooklyn on monday the first day of march in ye year 1723 :[4]

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted to have but three Select men for ye year ensuing

Voted Henery Winchester Select man

Voted Peter Boylston Select man

Voted Sam'll White Select man

Voted Edward White Town Clerk sworn

Voted Edward White Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Joseph Scot constable

Voted the Select men to be Assessors sworn

Voted Peter Gardner Surveyer of highways for ye northward parte of ye Town sworn

Voted to adjourn the meeting for ye space of halfe an hour

The Town being meet upon ye adjournment

Voted Joshua Child surveyer of highways for ye south parte of ye Town

Voted Sam'll Newell & John Ackers Tythingmen for ye year ensuing

Voted Addington Gardner & Benjamin Winchester fence viewers for ye year ensuing sworn

Voted Sam'll Clark ju'r Clerk of ye market for ye year ensuing

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer for ye year ensuing

Voted Thomas Woodward jun'r & Thomas Stedman jun'r be Hog reaves for ye year ensuing

Voted Select men to view the Town Treasurers accounts & if yy finde them right cast & well vouched to give sd Treasurer a full discharge there from

Voted Sam'll Aspinwall & Caleb Gardner to be joyned to ye afore sd committ'e

Voted to accept of mr. Joshua Childs offer that is if mr. Joseph Scot doth not move out of Town he will see five pound as a fine for his not serving as constable forth coming to the Town

Voted Isaac Gardner constable he paid the fine of five pounds

Voted Wim'll Davice constable sworn

Voted to Allow widow Hill ye negro woman two pounds ten shill to be disposed of in cloathing by ye select men

Voted to chuse four men to joyn with ye select men & ye seven to be a committ'e to treat with ye Winchester or any other persons yt are concerned in ye Highway yt is in controversy & if yy can agree upon any terms that they think are safe honorable & convenient then ye committ'e have full power & authority to agree with ye sd person if yy cannot agree then ye case to go on in the law

Voted Deacon White Caleb Gardner Robert Sharpe & Edward White be the four men to joyn with ye selectmen in ye affaire above

Voted to adjourn the meeting to ye second munday in May next ensuing at three a clock in ye afternoon

att a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn on monday the eleventh day of may at one a clock in ye afternoon 1724

Voted Edward White to serve for & represent sd Town in ye great & general court ye year ensuing the Town being mett upon ye adjournment from monday march 1 to monday may ye eleventh & then did agree to further adjourn sd meeting to the wednesday sennit next following at three of ye clock in ye afternoon

the town being mett upon ye adjournment from may 11 to may 20th did further adjourn sd meeting to tuesday 20 day of may at three of ye clock in ye afternoon

the town being met upon ye adjournment from may 20th to may 26

Voted not to raise any money this meeting

Voted that there should be another comm'tte to examining ye Treasurers accoumpts

Voted Dea White John Winchester. Robert Sharpe. Thom: Cotton John Seaver be the committ's.

Voted sd committ'e to begin with ye constable that was chosen in ye year 1719

Voted Joseph White jun: Hogreave for ye year ensuing

Voted to adjourn ye meeting to ye first monday in june the Town being met upon ye adjournment from May 26 to ye first monday in june

Voted forty pound out of ye use money to be put in to hands of ye Town Treasurer by ye trustees for ye fiftie Thousand pounds & by him to be paid to ye several persons to whome ye Town owes so far as it will goe

Voted thirty pounds to defrey ye remaining parte of ye charge allready arisen in ye sd Town

Voted thirty pounds to defrey ye charge of ye schools ye year currant

Voted twentie pounds to defrey ye town charges ye yeare currant

march 1 1724–5

at a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn Legally warned & met

Voted Edward White moderator

Voted to have but three Select men

Voted Henery Winchester first select man he refused

Voted John Winchester select man he accepted

Voted Caleb Gardner select man he refused

Voted Joshua Child Select man he refused

Voted Robert Sharpe Select man he refused

Voted Isaac Gardner Select man he accepted

Voted Abraham Woodward Select man he refused

Voted to adjourn ye meeting for halfe an hour

ye Town being met upon ye adjournment

Voted Joseph Addams Selectman he refused

Voted Peter Boylston Select man he refused

Voted Sam'll Sewall Select man he refused

the question was then put wheather or no ye Town would reconsider ye vote that pased in ye morning to have but three Selectmen it passed in ye Affirmative

Voted to chose three Select men to joyne with ye Two that have accepted & they five to make ye selectmen for ye year ensuing

Voted Henery Winchester & Caleb Gardner & Sam'll White be the three Select men to joyne with ye other two & yy all accepted.

Voted Edward White T Clerk

Voted Edward White T Treasurer

Voted Joshua Stedman Constable he refused promised to pay ye fine as ye law directs

Voted Will'am Gleason constable he took ye oath

Voted Addington Gardner & Joshua Child surveyers of high ways

Voted Cap Aspinwall Josiah Winchester Tything men

Voted T'omas Cotton & T'omas Aspinwall fence viewers

Voted Sam'll Clark Clerk of ye market

Voted Elhanan [Winchester] leather sealer

Voted Thomas Steadman & John Wedge Hogreaves

Voted Select men Assessors

Voted ye select men & mr. Sewall & cap Aspinwall be a committ'e to audit ye Treasurers accomptts & if yy finde them right cast & well avouched to give sd Treasurer a full discharge from them

Voted to Allow Kindrick 14 shill. for some logs carried to saw mill

Voted to adjourn the meeting to ye first tuesday in may at two a clock in ye after noon

The Town being met upon ye adjournment from ye first monday in march to ye first tuesday in may following

Voted leiu. Caleb Gardner to have ye care of ye pound in sd Town

Voted not to raise any money untill ye debt & acredit of ye Town be better know

Voted to adjourn to ye eighteenth of this instant May yt the committee may have time to finde out ye debt & acredit of ye Town

The Town being upon ye adjournment from ye first Tuesday of may to the eighteenth day of sd month The com'tte reported as followeth viz that the Town had 4=2=8 acredit

Voted to accept of ye report of ye com'tte

Voted to raise thirty pounds to defreay ye charges of ye Schools in sd Town ye year currant

Voted twentie pounds to defreay ye charges of ye Town ye year currant

At a Town Meeting Legally Warned of the Inhabitants of Brooklin.

March 7th 17$\frac{25}{26}$.

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Moderator.

Voted Capt John Winchester Mr Robert Sharp Mr James Griggs Select men.

Voted The three Select men to be Assessors. Sworn.

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clerk. Sworn.

Voted Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Treasurer

Voted Robart Harris Constable Refuses to serve

Voted Addington Gardner Constable sworn.

Voted Dudley Boylston & Benj'n Gardner Fence viewers sworn

Voted Ebenezer Kindrick & Abraham Chamberlin Surveyors. sworn

Voted John Goddard & John Seaver jun'r Hogreaves & field drivers. Refuse to serve

Voted Elhanan Winchester Sealer of Leather Sworn.

Voted Capt. Samuel Aspinwall & mr Josiah Winchester Tithing men.

Voted Capt Samuel Aspinwall & Lt Caleb Gardner to joyn with the Select men to view the Treasurers accounts & to give him a discharge as far as they find it right cast & well avouched.

Voted The Select men to Gett the Deeds Granted to the Town by Josiah Winchester & his son Josiah Winchester jun'r confirmed Acknowledged & Recorded according to Law.

Voted The abatement of James Goddards Ministers Tax in Constable Amariah Winchesters Rate Granted

Voted That the further consideration about the schools be referred to may meeting.

Adjourned the Meeting to the first Tuesday in may Next At one of the Clock in the Afternoon.

May 3d 1726

At a Town Meeting Legally Warned to Choose a Representative.

The Town being mett they Chose Mr Edward White to serve them.

May 3d 1726 The Inhabitants being mett upon their Adjournment

Voted John Goddard not to be excused but to pay his Fine

Voted John Seaver jun'r Excused from serving

Voted Christopher Dyer & William Woodward Hogreaves in the room of them Two above. Sworn.

Adjourned the Meeting for an Hour & then mett

The Selectmen find the Town in Debt £9-16-0

Voted Thirty pounds for Town Charges & Thirty pounds for the schools To be Levied upon Poles & Estates.

June 1726 Joseph Adams Chose Grand jury man

Brooklin Nov'br 16*th* 1726. At a Town Meeting Legally warned. To give there voice & vote whether they are for dividing the County of Suffolk yea or No.

The Inhabitants being mett they chose Samuel Sewall Moderator ꝑ lifting up of their hands.

It being proposed to them They Voted for the Division of the County by a great Majority.

At a town meeting legally Warned. the inhabitants met
march 6 172$\frac{6}{7}$
Voted Samuel Sewall Squ. chose moderator
Voted Mr Benjamin White } Selectmen
Voted Mr Robart Sharp } Assessors
Voted Mr Caleb Gardner } Sworn
Voted Samuel White Town Clark sworn
Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer sworn
Voted Thomas Woodward jun Constabel find £ 5 0 0

Voted Mr Isaac Gardner Mr William Gleason fence viewrs

Voted Mr Edward Devotion Chose constabel and the Town by a hand vote excused him

Voted Dudly Boylston Constabel sworn

Voted Samuel Newel servayer for the south part of the town

Voted Amariah Winchester for the rest of the town } sworn

Voted Thomas Lee and John Ellis field drivers sworn

Voted Elhanan Winchester A sealer of leather

Voted Thomas Woodward and Edward Devotion tithing men

Voted John Winchester Peter Boylston Henry Winchester Samuel White Thomas Cotton Chose a committy to view the treasurers accounts and if thea find them rite cast and well avouched to give him a discharge

Voted Samuel Clark jun'r Clark of the market

Voted this meating ajourned to the first tuesday in may at three in the afternoon

may 2 1727 At A Town meating Legally warned the inhabytance met

Voted Samuel White Chose Representative for this year

may 2 1727 the town being met upon ajournment from march to may second

Voted whether the Town would build another school in the senter of the Town it passed to the neg

Voted the select men with others to be a committy to prepare and lay before the Town at the next meating what had best to be done about the schools as to the number and places

Voted Cap John Winchester Mr Edward White M Henry Winchester Mr. Abraham Woodward to be added to the select men to a committy to bring the schools into some good method

Voted that committy view the high way in convenshon and make there report to the town at the next meeting

Voted that cap Samuel Aspenwall and Mr. Thomas Stedman to be added to them

Voted this meating ajournd to the sixteenth of this innstant may at won of the clock in the afternoon.

Brook At an Ajonment from may the second to may sixteenth the Inhabytance assembled

the inhabitance being met there pased the following vots

Voted that thare be but two schools

Voted to measure the Town from Jeams Gridgses to John Ellises and find out the proper distances between the school houses

Voted John Winchester Jeams Gridgs Isaac Child Samuel Clerk Samnell Sewell Esq be a committe to measure the Town and to stake the places Whare the School houses are to be set.

Voted Henry Winchester Thomas Cotton Abraham Woodward be A committe to Erect the two school houses

Voted to drane out monny out (out) of the treasurry as thea shall want by the ordor of the select men to defray the charges of building the schools

Voted two schoolmasters one at each school four months

a dame for each school for eight months

Voted fourty pounds to be raisd upon pols and estates to defray the schools charges in the Town this year

Voted the select men be directed to settle the highway controvercy by Isaac Child and ordor the clark to make a faire record of it

We the said committy that ware appoynted to measure the town find it five mils and twenty eaight Rods from Jeams Gridgsis to John Ellises then we measured back one mile and a quarter and seven rod for the north school house which is some way in the new land beyond Waterton road the other school house to be about a rod and a half in the new lane between Isaack Childis and Samuel Newels

Brooklyn June 27 1727

At A Town Meeting Leagally Warned the Inhabytance met

Mr Josiah Winchester moderateter

Voted the Town Reconsidered the vote that was pased upon may sixteenth about the school houses

Voted the school houses to stand and to put masters and Misstreses in them

Brooklyn October 20 1727

At A Town Meeting Leagally Warned the Inhabytance meet

Voted that the select men with Mr Edward White and Mr Joshua Child joynd with them be A committy to carry on a law sute with some of the Inhabytance of the south part of the Town

Voted to dray out monny out of the treasury to cary on that afaire

Brooklyn March 4 1728

At A Town Meeting Leagally Warned the Inhabytants meet and past the following votes

Samuel White Moderator

Voted Benjamin Gardner Constable Refuse to serve find

Voted Thomas Stedman Constable Refuse to serve find

Voted John Goddard Constable Refuse to serve find

Voted John Woodward Constable Refuse to serve find

Voted Nathaniel Seaver Constable Sworn

Voted Dea Benjamin White Cap Caleb Gardner Left Robert Sharpe Seleet men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Edward White Isaac Gardner Isaac Child Sarvayers of highways sworn

Voted Thomas Asspenwall John Ellis fence viewers sworn

Voted Benjamin Boylston John Winchester field drivers or Hoog yards sworn

Voted Elhanan Winchester leather sealer

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Edward Devotion Thomas Woodward Tithingmen

Voted Dekon White Mr. Edward White. cap Gardner Mr. Jeams Gridgs Mr. Henry Winchester A committy to seat the Meetinghouse

Voted Edward White Isaac Gardner Thomas Cotton be A committy to overlook the Treasurers accounts

April 8 1728 At A Town Meeting Leagally Warned the Inhabytants of Brooklyn mett

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted Whether thare be three schools in the Town it past in the negative

Voted Whether thare be two schools in the Town it passed in the negative

Voted Whether thar be one School in the Town it past in the Affirmative

Voted the Schoolhouse to stand as near the senter as there can a spot of land obtain for it

Voted thare be A committy Chose to measure the Town and stake the Schoolhouse Whare it should stand according to the vote of the Town

Voted Mr. Edward White Mr. John Winchester Mr. peter Boylston Mr. James Gridgs Mr. Josua Child be a committy With A survair to measure the Town and find the senter as near as may be

Voted this Meeting be A Journd to the second tuesday of may at two a clock in the after noon

from the A Journment from may the second to may fourteenth the Inhabytants of Brook met and past the following vottes

Voted that John, Goddard John Woodward Thomas Stedman excused by the Town from paying thare fines for not serving as constables this year

Voted that the Town make an act that gees shall not go upon the high Ways in the Town

Voted Mr. Edward White Cap Gard Mr. Thomas Cotton be of this committy to make this act

Voted to Except of our part of the Sixty thousand pound

Voted Mr. Peter Boylston Josua Child Isaac Gardner be the Trustees to take care of the same

Voted that the said Trustees let out not above twenty five pounds to any man nor under ten pounds to any man

Voted this meting be A Jornd til the twentyeth of this instant may at three A clock in the Afternoon

Voted the meeting that was Appointed the fourteenth of may be A Jornd til the twentieth of may at three of the clock in the Afternoon

upon A Journment from May the fourteenth to may the twentyeth the Inhabytants met and past the following votes

Voted to Except of the spot of Land that Mr. Peter Boylston offers to the Town to set the school house upon

Voted to give mr. Peter Boylston the price that he asks to that spot of Land to erict a schoolhouse upon which is twenty pounds

Voted the select men to procure a deed of the spot chose for the school house to stand upon of Mr. boylston

Voted Cap Gardner Mr. Isaac Gardner Samuel White be A committy to build the school house

Voted said schoolhouse be twenty four foot in length one and twenty foot in breadth seven foot betwen Joynts

Voted the schoolhouse to be built by the first of October

Voted to Rase one hundred ten pounds to defray the charges of the Town for this year forty pounds thereof for the school

Voted this meeting be dismist

November 25 1728 At A Town meeting leagally in Brooklyn the Inhabytants past theas following vottes.

Voted to Reconcider the Vote that was pased the twentyeth of may last to have but one Schoolhouse in said Town

Voted to have two schoolhouses in said Town

Voted one to stand in the new lane between Mr. Allins and and watertown road beyond the bridge as near the bridge as thare can be A spot of land for it

Voted the other to stand half way between Christophers Dier's and the corner of the lane near Thomas Woodwards in the Land of Samuel Whites

Voted Edward White Caleb Gardner Robart Sharp be A committy to Erict the north school

Voted Abraham Woodward Thomas Stedman and Isaac Child be A committy to Erict the south school

Voted this meeting be dismist

March 3 1729 At A Town Meeting Leagalely Warned the Inhabytants meet and past these following votes

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted Benj White Caleb Gard and Robert Sharp Select men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Thomas Aspenwall constable sworn

Voted Samuel White Town clerk sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Tresurer

Voted Robeart sharp Isaac Gard William Davis survairs of of high ways

Voted Caleb Gard William Gleason fence veyers sworn

Voted Thomas Woodward and Edward Devotion tithingmen

Voted Elhanan Winchester and Caleb Howe field drivers

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather sealer

Voted Samuel Clark A sealer of Waits and Measuers

Voted Thomas Cotton and Joshua Child and Ameriah Winchester to Loock over the Treasurers Accounts

Veted Sam'll Aspenwall Excused from paying pool money for the year past

Voted thare be A mistris in each school house fore months

Voted Edward White fence viewer for the Insuing year

Voted this Meeting be dismist

At A Town Meeting upon the twentieth of May 1729 the Town pased these following votes

Voted Samuel White Representative for this year

Voted to rais thirty pounds of money to be raised upon pols and estates

Voted the select men to dispose of the timber that was for the new schoolhouse to the best Advantage

Voted to Excuse Robert Woodward Petter Allard Pheby Wilbar William Easson paying there rates to Cons Gardner

Voted this Meeting be dismist

March 2 1730 At A Town Meeting leagerlly Warned the Inhabytants meet

Voted Samuel White moderator

Voted Mr. Benja White Mr. Caleb Gardner Mr. Thomas Cotton Select Men Assessors sworn

Voted Elhanon Winchester Cons paid his money

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and treasurer sworn

Voted Thomas Stedman Constable and Sworn

Voted Joseph White and William Davis and Samuel Craft servairs of high Ways

Voted Samuel Clark and Benjamin Gardner fence vewers

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Markit

Voted Abraham Chamberling Ebenezer Kindrick hawards

Voted Elhanon Winchester Sealer of Leather

Voted Edward Devotion Thomas Woodward tithingmen

Voted to Keep school ten months this year five months with two Mistresses one in each school. and five months with A master ten weeks in each school

Voted that Abraham Woodward Elhanon Winchester and William Gleason be A comitty to provide A schoolmaster and school mistreses for the present year

may 11 1730 At a Town Meeting Leagually warned they meet and Voted to rase forty pounds upon pools and Estates to defray the charges of the schools for this year

At A Town meeting in Brooklyn June first 1730

Voted Samuel White Representative for this year

Voted to Improve the Remander of the youse money coming to the Town from the fifty thousand pound lone for the youse of the Town

Brookly March 1 173½

At A town Meeting Leagually Asembled

Voted Cap Caleb Gardner Moderator

Voted Dea Benja White Cap Caleb Gardner Mr. Abraham Woodward Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted John Goddard Constable Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer

Voted Abraham Chamberling Edward Devotion tithingmen

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Markit

Voted Elhanon Winchester A sealer of Leather

Voted Timothy Harris and Caleb Winchester Howards sworn

Voted Samuel Craft and John Ellis jun fence youers sworn

Voted Benja Gard Thomas Aspenwall Survaiors sworn

Voted Cap John Winchester Deakon Cotton Isaac Gardner to view the Treasurrers Accompts

Brooklyn May 11 1731

At A Town Meeting Leaguall Warned and Mett

Voted Mr. Benja White Representative for the Insuing year

Voted Cap John Winchester Moderator

Voted that thare be rassed Thirty pounds upon pools and Estats for the Towns use for the Insuing year

Voted Mr. Elhanon Winchester Select Man and sessor sworn

Voted Mr. John Goddard to draw out of the Treasurery the sum of Nine pounds to purchise a more conveanant way to meeting and other conveananees

Voted that their be Raised forty pounds upon pools and Estates for the Reve. Mr. Allin for this present year.

March 6 173½ At A town Meeting of the Town of Brooklyn the following vots were past.

Voted Cap Edward White Moderator

Voted Dea Benja White Mr. Robart Sharp Mr. Elhanon Winchester Select Men and Assessors

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk sworn

Voted John Woodward Constable Refused to Except

Voted Samuel Craft Constable Refused to Except paid his fine

Voted Thomas Lee Constable Refused to Except

Voted Joseph White Constable Sworn

Voted Samuel White T Treasurer gave bonds sworn

Voted Thomas Aspenwall Benjamin Gardner Sam'll Newel surveyers of highways Newel sworn

Voted Henry Winchester Isaac Child Tythingmen

Voted John Winchester jun John Seaver fenceviewers

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Elhanon Winchester leather sealer sworn

Voted Christopher Dier Danniel Harris Hawards or field drivers

Voted Isaac Gardner William Davis. William Gleason A committe to Examing the treasurers Accompts and Lay before the Town the Estate of the Treasurry at next may meeting

Voted to Abate James Davis his Rates for the year past

Voted this meeting be A Journed to the Eight of next may at two Aclock in the Afternoon

May 8 1732 At a Town meeting of the Inhabytants of Brooklyn

Voted Cap Edward White Moderator

Voted to raise thirty pounds upon pols and Estates for defraying Town charges for the Insuing year

May 22 1732 At A Town Meeting Legally Warned the Inhabitants of Brookly Assembled and passed the following votes

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp Moderator

Voted John Winchester jun and Benjamin Boylston fence viewers

Voted not to build Another Schoolhouse

Voted the school houses stand as they now doe

Voted there be A master to Keep school four months in said school houses this year

Voted there be no Mistres this year

Voted To Give the Reverand Mr. James Allin forty pounds over and above his Stated psallery for the present year

Att a Town Meeting of the inhabytants of Brooklyn September the 27 1732 the inhabytants passed the following votes

Voted Samuel White moderator

Voted to Raise fifteen pounds upon pools and Estates upon the Inhabytants to defray the charge of the Schools for the year currant

March 5 1733 Att A Town Meeting Leagaully Warned the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Assembled and passed the following votes viz :

Voted Samuel White Moderator of said Meeting

Voted Cap Edward White Cap John Winchester Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr. Samuel Clark Mr. Joshua Çhild Select Men and Assessors and Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer

Voted John Ellis Constable he refuseth to serve and will pay his money and Joseph White Excepting to be Cons for six pounds and also Sworn

Voted Mr. John Druce Mr. William Davis tythingmen

Voted Mr. Thomas Aspenwall Surveaire of high ways for the north end of the Town sworn

Voted Mr. Ammeriah Winchester and mr. Abraham Woodward Surveairs for the middle and south end of the Town sworn

Voted Mr. Solomon Hill and Thomas Corbet Hogreaves Sworn

Voted Mr. Nathaniel Seaver and Mr. Benjamin Boylston fence veiors

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Voted Mr. Cotton Mr. Woodward Mr. Gleason A commete to view the Treasurers A compts and make report to the Town at may Meeting

Voted this Meeting be dismist

May 16 1733 At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn the Town voted the following votes

Voted to Rais forty pounds upon Pools and Estates to Defray Schools and Other Charges

Voted to Rais forty pounds upon pools and Estates for Mr. Allin for this year over and A bove what the Town allows yearly.

Voted to Acquit Cons Boylston from Allards Chamberlings and Sauigses Rates. then this Meeting dismist

At A Town Meeting in Brookly August Eight 1733 Samuel White Moderator

voted Whither it be the mind of the Town to Joyn with the Country Towns of this County to be made into A seperate County from Boston it passed in the Affirmative.

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn March the fourth 173¾

Voted Samuel White Moderator of sd Meetting

Voted Cap Sharp Samuel White Mr Abraham Woodward the Select Men Assessors Sworn

Voted Benjamin Boylston Constable Refuseth to serve in sd office

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Treasurer

Voted Cap White Surveair of high ways for the North end of sd town

Voted Henry Winchester Surveyors of high ways Refuseth to serve

Voted Elhanan Winchester Surveyor of high ways for the Middle part of the town

Voted William Davis Surveyor of high ways for the South part of sd town

Voted James Gridgs and Samuel Clark Tithingmen

Voted Ebenezer Kindrick and Caleb Hovey hogreaves and sworn

Voted Elhanan Winchester leather sealer

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Dea'n Cotton William Gleason Isaac Child to Over Look the Treasurers Accounts and the former trustees Accounts and make Report at may Meeting to the Town

Voted Timothy Harris Constable

Voted to Rais ten pounds upon Pools and Estates to procure powder and Ammunition

Voted this meeting to be AJoyrnd to the Second munday of this Instant march at two of the Clock in the afternoon

At a Town Meeting in Brookly upon an AJoyrnment from March the fourth to March the Eleventh the Inhabitants Meet

Voted Timothy Harris Constable

Voted William Davis Surveyer of high Ways

then this meeting AJoyrnd until Monday the Eighteenth, of this instant Month at five of the clock in the afternoon and then meet

Voted John Harris Cons who refuseth to Serve in sd office paid his fine

Voted Josiah Brown Constable for the Ensuing year Sworn

At a Town Meeting May 17 1734

Samuel White Moderator

Voted to Send no Representative this year

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds Over and Above his P Sallery for this present year

Voted to Rais Sixty pounds to Defray Town Charges for this year

Voted to Abate Joseph Gardner Abraham Chamberlings and Josua Stedman Widow Corbitts Rates for Last year 1733 and sd Cham two years past

Voted to Choose A commity to seat the Meeting house five in sd commity

Voted Dea White Dea Cotton Cap White Cap Sharp Cap Winchester

Voted for the hogs to go at large in sd town this present year

Voted this Meeting to be AJournd with out Day

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn March 3 1735

Samuel White Moderator

Voted to Chuse three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Cap Robert Sharp Mr. Abraham Woodward Select Men and Assessors sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted Josiah Brown Constable for the Ensuing year sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner William Gleason fence Veyers sworn

Voted Joseph Winchester Moses White Hogreaves

Voted Edward Devotion Ebenezer Kindrick Tithingmen

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted William Gleason Surveyer of hemp and flax

Voted Daniel Harris Constable who refuseth to serve

Voted Benjamin White Jun Constable who refuseth to serve

Voted Dea Thomas Cotton Isaac Gardner William Gleason to view the Treasurers Accompts and bring in the debt and creadit of the Town at May meeting

then this Meeting ajournd with out day

May 19 1735

At a Town Meeting in Brooklyn

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds

Voted to Rais sixty pounds to Defray the charge of the Town upon pols and Estats this present year

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn May 25 1735

Voted Samuel White Representative

Voted to Let the hogs go at Large this year

Voted Caleb Hovey and Christopher Dyer hogreaves the year currant sworn

Brooklyn March 1 173$\frac{5}{6}$

At a Town Meeting

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to Chouse three Select Men

Voted Mr. John Seaver Cap John Winchester Mr. Isaac Gardner Select Men refuse to serve

Voted Mr. Sam'll Clark Cap White Samuel White Mr. Henry Winchester Select men

Voted Samuel White Cap Edward White Cap Robert Sharp Assessors

Voted John Seaver jun Constable Refused to serve

Voted this Meeting be Ajournd till wedenesday next at one of the clock afternoon

March 3 173$\frac{5}{6}$ the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Meet upon aJournment

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer

Voted Mr. William Gleason Mr. Nathaniel Seaver Mr. Joshua Child Surveirs of high Wais Sworn

Voted Mr. Benjamin Gardner Mr. Joseph White fenceviewers Sworn

Voted Daniel Harris constable

Voted Mr. Samuel Craft Mr. John Harris Hogreves Sworn

Voted Mr. Joseph Adams Mr. John Acars Tithing Men

Voted Mr. William Gleason Surveir of Hemp and flax Sworn

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester A sealer of Leather

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted to Give Abraham ——— forty Shillings for serving as Jury Man

Voted Mr Joshua Child mr. Thomas Aspenwall Mr. John Gordon A commity to Over Look the Treasurers Accomps and bring in the Debt and Credit of the Town at may Meeting next

Voted this March Meetting AJourned without day

At A Town Meetting May 11 1736

Samuel White Representative for the Ensuing year

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to give Mr. Allin forty pounds this year over and above His settled yearly Psallery

Voted to Raise sixty pounds upon pools and Estats to Defray the nesessary charge that may arise in the Town for the present year

At A Town meeting in Brooklyn 27 of Novem 1736

Voted that the Town would do nothing to wards maintaining of John Ellis because it was thought more proper for His relations to take cair of him at present

Voted that this meeting be adjourned without day

Brooklyn March 7 $173\frac{6}{7}$

At A Town Meeting Leagally Warned the Inhabitants meet

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to Chouse three Select Men

Mr. John Seaver Mr. Isaac Gardner Cap John Winchester Select Men Assessors Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town treasurer Sworn

Voted John Seaver jun Constable who refused to serve

Voted Nathaniel Stedman Constable who refuseth to serve -

Voted William Gleason Constable Sworn

Voted Samuel Craft Samuel Newell John Woodward Surveirs of high wais

Voted Thomas Woodward Benjamin White jun fenceviewers for this year sworn

Voted Joshua Stedman Ebenezer Kindrick Hogreives

Voted Edward Devotion Ebenezer Sargent tithingmen

Voted William Gleason Surveir of Hemp and flax

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Elhanan Winchester Sealer of Leather

Voted the Select Men A commity to Loock out for A woodlot for the benifit of the Town and know the price there of and make Report to the Town as sone as may be

Voted Elhanan Winchester Samuel Clark Joseph White A Commity to Look over the treasurers accounts and bring in the Debt and Creadit of the Town at May Meeting Next

Brooklyn May 16 1737 at a town meeting in Brooklyn

Voted Samuel White Representative

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds this year more than his settled psalary

Voted to Rais seventy pounds to defray the charges of the Town this year

Voted that the Town take porsession of the forfited pewes namely Mr. Joseph Gardners Mr. Peter Boylstons

Voted to cut up the four hinds seats below two of the mens seats and two of the Womans seats in order to make pewes

Voted to Chouse a committy to order the Afair concerning the pews and think of sutable persons to have the same

Voted Mr. Henry Winchester Dea White Cap White Mr. Abraham Woodward Mr. Benjamin Gardner Cap Winchester Mr. Joshua Child be A commity for that porpus and make report to the Town of there doings thearin

Voted to allow the hogs in sd Town to go at large this present year

Voted this Town Meetting be Ajourned to the first Munday in June next at four of the clock in the after noon

At A Town Meetting upon the sixth of June upon ajournment from the sixteenth of May Last A committy being Chose to Regelate the pews that are forfited sd comitty agreed not upon any Report the town proseded and Chose a new Committy

Voted Deaken White Cap Whinchester Mr. John Seaver Mr. Joseph Adams Mr. William Gleason to be A committy to Order the pewes and spots to Erect the pewes upon to such persons as they think proper and to set the price there on and make Report thereof to the Town for there Exceptance or Refuseall upon Munday the thirteenth day of this instant June

Voted this Meeting be AJourned to the thirteenth day of June at five of the clock in the after noon

Brooklyn June 13 1737 the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Meet According to there AJournment from the sixth of June to the thirteenth day of sd month: the Above sd Committy made Report Concerning the deserted pews and the Other Spots in the meetting house to Erict pews upon is as followeth Viz Justice Samuel White he and His Heirs for Ever shall have the deserted pew formerly Joseph Gardners sd White paying into the Town Treasury twenty pounds for the same

That Doc Zabdial Boylston have the Deserted pew that was his Brother Peter Boylstons to him and his Heirs for Ever he paying into the Town Treasury twenty two pounds

that Henry Winchester he and His Heirs for Ever shall have that half of the spott on Which the Womans to hindmost seats are Ericted upon: in the body of the meetting house next the Alley Going to the pulpit the broad alley sd Winchester paying into the Town Treasury for the same thirteen pounds that Abraham Woodward he and his Heirs for Ever shall have the Other half of sd Spot where the two hind most seats stand in the Womans half he paying to the Town Treasurer ten pounds.

that Samuel Clark he and His Heirs for Ever shall have half of the Spott on Which the two hinds seats of the Mens Seats are Erected Next the broad alley leading to the pulpit sd Clark paying into the Town Treasury the sum of thirteen pounds for the same

That John Goddard he and His Heirs for Ever shall have that half spott of the mens two hinds seat next the stairs leading up Galery sd Goddard paying in to the Town Treasury ten pounds

BENJ WHITE
JOHN WINCH [ESTER]
Committy JOHN SEAVER
JOSEPH ADAMS
WILLIAM GLEASON

The Town Taking the above sd Committys Report into Consideration and passed the following Votes.

it was put to the Town by the Moderator of sd meetting Whether the pew that Was formerly Peter Boylstons Should remain in the hands of sd Town to be Disposed of as the Town may hear after see cause it pased in the affirmative

it Was put to the Town by the moderator Whether Mr. Henry Winchester should have that spott or Room in the Meetting house to Erect a pew upon according to the Report of the above sd Commity it passed in the Affermative it Was put to the Town by the Moderator Whether Mr. Abraham Woodward should have that spott or room in the meetting house to Erect a pew upon according to the report of committy it passed in the Affermitive

it Was put to the Town by the moderator Whether Mr. Samuel Clark Should have that Spott or room in the meeting house to Erect a pew upon according to the report of the commity it passed in the Affermitive

it Was put to the Town by the Moderator Whether Mr. John Goddard should have that spott or Room in the Meetting house to Erect a pew upon according to the Report of the Commity it passed in the Affermitive

it Was put to the Town by Cap Winchester one of the Select Men Whether Samuel White should have that pew that was formerly Mr. Joseph Gardners according to the report of Commity it passed in the Affermitive

it Was also Voted by the Town that these severall pewes or Spotts to Erect pews upon should be under the same regulation that the former pews ware in our sd Meetting house Viz that if any of the sd persons or proprietors of sd spots or pews Remove out of Town so that they Dwell not in sd Town or are reduced to such mean surcomstances that they are not able to pay there rates or tax in sd Town in Either of these Cases there pew or pews shall Return to the Town again the Town paying to sd proprietors so much money as the spots and pews cost them: Samuel White Town Clerk

Voted to Abate Cons Brown forty shillings of the rats commited to sd Brown to collect 2 0 0

At A Town Meetting in Brooklyn March Sixth 173$\frac{7}{8}$

Voted Samuel White Moderator of sd Meetting

Voted to Choose five Select Men Cap Robert Sharp Mr. William Gleason Mr. Benjamin Gardner Mr. Thomas Aspenwall Mr. Nathaniel Seaver Select Men

Voted Cap Sharp Benj Gard Thomas Aspenwall Assessors Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted Edward Devotion Samuel Newell Tithing men

Voted Nehemiah Davis Constable sworn

Voted Daniel Harris and Timothy Harris fenceveiers

Voted Solomon Gardner and Nathaniel Gardner Hogreaves Sworn

Voted William Gleason Surveir of Hemp and flax Sworn

Voted Abraham Woodward Joseph Adams John Ellis Survairs of High wais

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather sealer

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Dea Cotton Joshua Child Abraham Woodward Commity to Look over the Treasurers accounts and make Report there of at may meeting

Voted this Meetting to be Dismissed

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn May 15 1738

Voted to Rais Eighty pounds to Defray the Charge of the Schools and Other Town Charges

Voted that the Country Towns of this County be A seperate County from Boston

Voted to Abate Cons Harris one pound nineteen shillings of His Rates Commited to him to collect 1 19 0

Brooklyn March 5 173$\frac{8}{9}$

At A Town Meetting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to chuse the Town Officers by the Majorety of the Votes

Voted to chuse three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Cap Sharp Mr. William Gleason Select Men

Voted the Select Men to be Assessors for the Ensuing year

Voted Solomon Hill to be Constable sd Constable Sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted Nathaniel Seaver and Joseph White to be fenceveiers

Voted Abraham Woodward Thomas Aspenwall Solomon Gardner surveirs of high ways

Woodward for the south part of the Town

Aspenwall for the North part of the Town sworn

Gardner for the middle of sd Town

Voted Ebenezer Sargant Nathaniel Stedman Hogreaves Sworn

Voted to Abate Ebenezer Kindricks and Joshua Stedmans Rates for the year 1738

Voted Mr. Cotton Mr. Child Mr. El'n Winchester to Look over the Town Treasurers accounts and bring in the Debt and Credit of sd Town at May Meetting

Voted sd Town meetting to be dismist.

Samuel White T. Clerk

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn May 15 1739

Chose Samuel White Representative

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds more this year than his settled Psalery and four contributions for this present year

Voted to Rais Eighty pounds for this present year to defray the Charges of the Schools and other charges of the Town

Voted that Samuel White our Representative put in a pertition into the General Court for a tract of Land for a school farm

Samuel White T Clerk

At a Town Meeting in Brooklyn March 3 1740

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to chouse three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Cap White Mr. Henry Winchester Select Men & Assessors

Voted Mr. John Goddard Constable for the present year sworn the Town paying to sd Goddard Eight pounds for his servis this year

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Cap Sharp Surveir for the North End of the Above sd Town

Voted Solomon Gardner Surveir of high wais for the Middle of sd Town

Voted Danniel Harris Surveir for the south End of sd Town all Surveirs of high wais are Sworn

Voted Nathaniel Seaver Joseph White fence viewers sworn

Voted Joshua Stedman Nathaniel Kindrick Hogreives for this year

Voted Ebenezer Sargent and Ebenezer Kindrick Tithing Men

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Elhanan Winchester Sealer of Leather

Voted Mr. John Seaver Mr. William Gleason Mr. Isaac Child be a Commity to Look Over the Treasurers Accounts and bring the Debt and Credit of the Town to May meeting

Voted this Meeting to be Dismist

Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn May 22 at a Town Meeting

Voted the Town would not send a representative this year

Voted to Rais Eighty pounds upon pools and Estates to defray the Schools Charges and purches a Town stock of ammonishon

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds more than his fixed Psalery and four contributions for this present year

Voted the Hogs to goo at Large in the Town of Brooklyn the year Insuing

Voted this meeting to be dismist

Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn March 2 $17\frac{4}{4}\frac{0}{1}$

At A. Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Regulerly assembled

Voted Samuel White Moderator of sd Meeting

Voted to Choose three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Mr. Thomas Aspenwall Mr. William Davis Select Men for the Ensuing year and Assessors

Voted Mr. John Newell Constable for the year ensuing sworn

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Cap Robert Sharp Ebenezer Sargant Abraham Woodward Surveirs of high ways: Sharp for the North End of sd Town: Sargant for the middle of sd Town and Woodward for the south End of the sd Town

Voted Nathaniel Seaver Joseph White fenceviewers

Voted Elhanan Winchester sealer of Leather

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Cap Edward White Mr. John Seaver Mr. Elhanan Winchester be A committy to Loock Over the Treasurers Accounts and bring in to the Town the Debt and credit of the Town to the next May Meeting

Voted this Meeting to be dismist

May 18 1741

Cap Edward White Chose Representative

Voted our Representative to be paid in Land Bank or Manufactury Money for serving the Town as Representative this year

Voted Samuel White Moderator for sd Meeting

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds over and above his fixed psallery for this year and four contributions

Voted to Rais upon pools and Estates one Hundred and twenty pounds to Defray the Charges that may arise in the Town this present year

Voted it be the minds of the Town to pay the Town Rates in manufactury money Exclusive of Mr. Allins Money

Voted for the hogs to go at Large this present year

Voted Doc Zabdial Boylston and His Heirs to have the pew that was Peter Boystons he paying to the Town Treasurer twenty two pounds for the use of sd Town

Samuell White T Clerk

At A Town Meeting in Brooklyn June 22 1741

Voted that the Representative that served the Town this Present year at the General Court shall be Paid his wages out of our Town Treasurey

Voted Samuel White Representative for this present year

Brooklyn At A town Meeting Legally Warned the Inhabitants Mett March 1 174½

Chose Moderator Samuel White

Voted to chuse three select men

Voted Edward White Samuel White Thomas Aspenwall Select men and Assessors sworn

Voted Moses White Constable for the year Ensuing sd White refused to serve paid five pound fine

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Isaac Child Solomon Hill William Akars Surveirs of high wais sd Child for the south part of the Town sd Hill for the North part of the Town sd Ackars for the middle of sd town sworn

Voted Robert Sharp Jun Samuel Gleason hogreves for this year

Voted Henry Sewell Solomon Gardner fence viewers sworn

Voted Edward Devotion Ebenezer Kindrick tithing Men

Voted Samuel Sewall Esq Cap Sharp Joshua Child A commity to Looke over the Town Treasurers accounts and bring to the Town the Debt and Credit of sd Town at may Meeting

Voted to Except of the high Way lade out by the Select Men of sd Town of Brooklyn through the Land of Daniel Harris and John Harris by Daniel Harrises house up the hill till it meet with a high way Laid out by the Select Men of Roxbury Leading unto Zacariah Chandlers

Voted this meetting be A journd unto the fifteenth day of March at three of the clock in the After Noon

Samuel White T Clerk

At an AJournment from March the first unto March 15 174½ the Town meet & the question was asked Mr. Moses White whether he would serve as constable he refused to serve paid his fine 5 pounds: the question was put whether the Town would prosead to chouse another Constable

Voted in the Negative

Voted to hire a constable and A collecter for this year

Voted Joseph White Constable for the year currant Sworn

Voted the Town to Give sd White 2 pounds for his service for being Cons and paid the money to sd White

Voted Abraham Woodward Collecttor for the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted the Town to pay sd Woodward six pounds for sd servis of being Collecter he being paid three pound upon the spot and three pounds more to arrive

Voted the Select Men be impowerd to gitt the money reimbursed where they can find the same, that the Town paid for the Indian womans sickness

Samuel White T Clerk

At a Town Meeting in Brooklyn 1742 May 18 the Inhabitants Meet

Voted Cap White Representative

Voted Cap White Moderator

Voted to Give Mr. Allin forty pounds Old tenner Bills as A Gratuity for the Ensuing year

Voted that there shall be four quarterly contributions for Mr. Allin for the year Ensuing

Voted to Raise One Hundred and twenty pounds for Schools and Other Charges in the Town the Ensuing year

Voted to Chuse A Commity to finde the most Convenant spot to Erect a schoolhouse for the benifit of the whole Town

Voted Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr. Ebenezer Davis Mr. Joshua Child for that commity

Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn March 7 174$\frac{2}{3}$

At A Town Meetting Legally Warned the Inhabitants Meet

Voted Majer White Moderator

Voted Majer White Samuel White Mr. Abraham Woodward Select Men

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer and Clerk sworn

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester Constable sworn

Voted Mr. William Ackers Surveyer for the Middle part of sd Town

Voted Mr. Samuel Gleason surveyer for the North End

Voted Mr. John Newell Surveyer of high ways for the south part of sd Town

Voted Mr. Benjamin Gardner Mr. Ebenezer Davis Mr. Nathaniel Seaver Assessors for sd Town for this year Sworn

Voted Mr Edward Devotion Mr Ebenezer Kindrick Tithing Men for sd Town

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Brooklyn May 16 1743 upon A Town meeting

Voted Samuel White Representative

Voted Major White Moderator for a meeting after Representative chose

Voted to Rais upon pools and Estates one hundred and thirty pounds to defray the Charges of the poor and Schools for the Ensuing year besides Other Charges

Voted to Give Mr. Allin fifty pounds besides his settled psallery: and four Contributions this year

At A Town Meetting in Brooklyn July 2 1743

Majer White Moderator

Voted Cap John Winchester Cap Robert Sharp Mr. Thomas Aspenwall Mr. Samuel Craft Mr. Ebenezer Davis Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr. Joseph White Mr. Benjamin Gardner Mr. Joshua Child Mr. Henry Winchester Jurymen for Superier Court the rest of the Men in the Other Box for Juriory of Inferiour Court

Samuel White T Clerk

At A Town Meeting March 5 174$\frac{3}{4}$ Leaguelly warned

Voted Samuel White Moderator

Voted to Chuse three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Doc Boylston Thomas Aspenwall Select Men

Voted Benjamin Gardner Ebenezer Davis Nathaniel Seaver Assessors for the Ensuing year sworn

Voted Robert Sharp Jun Constable sworn

Voted Nathaniel Stedman Thomas Aspenwall William Davis Surveirs of high ways sworn

Voted John Newell and John Woodward fenceviewers sworn

Voted Ebenezer Sargant and Joseph White Hogreaves sworn

Voted Joshua Stedman Ebenezer Kindrick tithing men

Voted Elhanan Winchester Leather Sealer

Voted Samuel Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk and Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted this Meetting be AJoyrng with out day

Samuel White T Clerk

May 16 1744 At A Town Meetting in Brooklyn Leaguelly Warned

Voted Samuel White Chose Representative

Voted Majer White Moderator

Voted to Rais one hundred and Sixty pounds to defray the Town Charges for the year Currant

Voted to Give Mr. Allin Sixty pounds for this year more than his fixed psallery

Voted to rais twenty pounds for A Town stock of Ammunishon

Voted Joshua Child Surveir of high wais for the south part of sd Town for the year Ensuing Sworn

Voted to have four contributions for Mr. Allin this year

Voted this Meeting be AJournd without day

Samuel White
T Clerk

At A Town Meeting Septem 21 1744

Samuel White Chose Moderator

to consider of A High Way Laid out by the Select Men of Brooklyn through the Land of Daniel Harris and John Harris til it meet with A high Way Laid out by Roxbury

it was put to the Town by the Moderator Whether they would pay for sd Way it passed in the Negative

it was put to the Town Whether they would stand A tryall in the Law Concerning sd way it passed in the Negative

Voted that the high way that the Town Exceped of March the first 174½ that was Laid of by the Select men of Brooklyn through the Land of Daniel Harris and John Harris by Daniel Harrises house up the Hil til it meet With A high way Laid out by Roxbury Leading unto Zacariah Chandlers to be Null and Void and of None Effect

Voted this Meeting be AJournd without day

Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn March 4, 174$\frac{4}{5}$

At A Town Meetting Leagally Warned the Inhabitants meet

Voted Samuel White Moderator of sd meetting

Voted to have three select Men for the Ensuing year

Voted Samuel White Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr. Thomas Aspenwall the three Select Men

Voted the Select Men be Assessors the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris jun Constable sworn

Voted Doc Boylston Surveir for the sd Middle part of sd Town sworn

Voted Samuel Croft Surveir for the North part of sd Town sworn

Voted Abraham Woodward Surveir for the South part of sd Town sworn

Voted Moses White William Ackers fenceviewers for sd Town this year sworn

Voted John Woodward Benjamin White jun hogreaves this year sworn

Voted Dea Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Elhanan Winchester jun Sealer of Leather

Voted Dea Boylston Cap Sharp Abraham Woodward to look Over the Treasurers Accounts and bring in the Debt of and the Creadit of the Town at may meetting next

Voted Samuel White Town Clerk

Voted Samuel White Town Treasurer Sworn

Samuel White Town Clerk

Voted to dismis this meetting

Brooklyn May 17 1745

At A Town Meeting in sd Town

Voted to rais one hundred and Eighty pounds for poor schools and other Charges

Voted to Give Mr. Allin Sixty pound this year more than his fixed psallery and four contributions quarterly

Voted to Give Nathaniel Hil Nathaniel Kindrick Phillip Coney there rates

December Seventeenth day 1745

At A Town Meetting in Brooklyn Cap Robert Sharp Moderator by a Vote of the Inhabytants

sd Town Meetting was to know the minds of the Town whether they would build a new School house and for Ingoregment thereof Mr. Joseph White and Mr. Moses White Gave Land for to set sd house upon on the East Corner of that peace of there Square of Land that sd Whites purchesed of the Heirs of Nathaniel Gardner Deceased

Voted to Except of sd Land with thanks to the sd Whites that Gave it to build a new Schoolhouse upon

Voted to build a new School house on sd Spot of Land

Voted to Chouse A commity for that purpos

Voted Mr. Joseph White Mr. Ebenezer Davis Cap Sewall Mr. Samuel Croft Mr. Nathaniel Seaver to be of sd Commity to build sd house

At A Meeting of the Town of Brookline Legaly call'd March 3d. 174$\frac{5}{6}$

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted to have but three Select Men

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Select men

Voted the Select Men to be assessors for the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris Jun'r Cunstable for the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Henry Sewall Town Clerk and Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. Ebenezer Davis Surveyor of High ways for the North part of sd Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis Surveyor of high ways for ye middle of sd. Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Daniel Dana Surveyor of high ways for ye South part of sd Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Moses White and Mr. William Ackers Fence viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Jun'r Sealer of Leather

Voted Deacon Clarke Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Benja. White & Mr. John Woodward Hogreves sd White sworn

Voted Samuel Sewall Esq'r Capt. Sharp and Mr. Abraham Woodward to be A Committy to view the Treasurers Accounts and to bring in the Debt and Credit of sd Town at may meeting next

upon A motion made whether the Town would Reconsider the vote of Choosing but three Select Men and Chuse more the Town Reconsidered sd vote and voted to Chuse two more

Voted Major White and Capt. Sharp Select Men to joyn the other three Chosen before

Voted Maj'r White and Capt Sharp Assess'rs also and Sworn

Voted to adjourn the matter of Cunstable Harisis high way that was in the warrant for march meeting to may Meeting next

Voted to Adjourn this meeting without Day

May 16*th* 1746 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legaly call'd

Voted Not to send A Representative this year

Voted Sam: White Esq'r moderator

Voted to Except the following Persons from the Charge of Building the School House vizt. Messrs. John Druce Abraham Woodward Daniel Dana James Griggs Will: Davis Isaac Child Joshua Child Timothy Harris John Harris John Harris Jun'r.

Voted That their be A Rate made on the Rest of the Inhabitants who are not Excepted from Building the School House of fifty pound old Tenner to Build sd School House

Voted one Hundred and Eighty pounds old Tenuer to Defray the Town Charges the Ensuing year

Voted That the Select Men provide A School Master the Ensuing winter to keep in the new School House from the first of November to the last of March

Voted to Give the Reverend Mr. Allin over and above his fixed sallery Eighty pounds old Tenuer

That the Town Except of A Pound Built by Sam: White Esq'r

Voted Mr Joseph White Pound keeper and he accepted

Voted the Swine to go at large the Ensuing year

Voted To Give Mr. John Harris Jun'r twenty five pounds old Tenuer and that he be satisfied therewith forever Relating to A High way to his House

Voted Constable Winchester five pounds old Tenuer out of the Town Treasury

Voted To adjourn this Meeting without Day

At A Town Meeting in Brookline Tuesday 14th Octob'r 1746

Voted Samuel White Esq'r moderator

Voted To Raise fifty pounds to Hire A Minister

Voted To Raise fifty pounds to finish the school House

Voted To Raise thirty seven pounds for Town Stock of Powder and Bullets

March ye 2d $174\frac{6}{7}$

att A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r moderator

Voted to Except what the Select men have Don Concerning the Legacy Mr. Edward Devotion Gave the Town in his Last will

Voted To Chuse five Select men

Voted Sam'll White Esq'r Major White Capt'n Sharp Mr. Isaac Gardner Mr Thomas Aspinwall Select men

Voted Mr. William Davis Constable Sworn

Voted Ebene'r Davis Mr. Natha'll Seaver Mr. Sam'll Croft Assessors sworn

Voted Eben'r Davis Town Clerk & Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Mr. Benjamin White Jun'r Surveyor of highways for the middle part of the Town Sworn

Voted Major White Surveyor of high ways for the North part of the Town sworn

Voted Mr. John Newell Surveyor of high ways for the South part of the Town

Voted Mr. Joseph White and Mr. Thomas Woodward fence Vewers

Voted Mr. George Griggs & Mr. Daniel Deany Hogreves

Voted Mr. Eben'r Sergant & Mr. Eben'r Kindrick tiething men

Voted Mr. Sam'll Clarke Clerk of the markett

Voted that the Town will Raise Sixty Pounds towards Defreying the Charge of the Funierall of the Reverend Mr. Allin Deceased

Voted that the Select men be Impowered to hier a minister untill may meeting

Voted that mr. Jeames Shed and his Son have Liberty to Send there Children to Brookline School they finding there proportion of Wood and paying their Proportion for there Polls according as the select men apportion upon other children

Voted Mr. Richard Boylstone Sealer of Leather

Voted thatt the Town purpose thatt Mr. Nathaniell Wardell shall weigh all the haye they sell att his Engine in Roxbury

Voted To adjourn this meeting Without Day

May 13 1747 att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Major Edward White Chosen Representative

Voted Sam'll White Esq'r Moderator

Voted that the Town Desired to hear some other Ministers besides Mr. Walley

Voted that the Select Men are to Provide three young Ministers to preach two Sabbath Days Each Namely Mr. Wally Mr. Checkly and Mr. Hale

Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to monday Next the Eighteenth Day of May Current to five of the Clock in the afternoone

upon an adjournment from May ye 13 to May ye 18

Voted that the Select men are to procure Mr. Stevens and Mr. Harrington to preach two Sabbath Days Each

Voted to Raise one hundred and fifty Pounds old tener for to Procure Preaching

Voted to Raise two hundred Pounds old Tenner to Defraye the Charges of the Town for the Ensuing year

Voted this Meeting be adjourned Without Day

Oct'r 19*th* 1747 Att a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Leagally Called

Voted Sam'll White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Raise Two Hundred pounds to Defray the Charges for Preaching amongst us

Voted That Sam'll White Esq'r Major White Capt'n Sharp Mr. Isace Gardner Mr. Thomas Aspinwall be a Committee to procure Ministers to preach with us until March Next

Voted This Meeting be adjournd with out Day

February ye 12*th* 174$\frac{7}{8}$

At A Meeting of the Church In Brookline

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To come to a Choise of a Gospel Minister and the votes being Brought and Told Mr. Cotton Brown Was Chosen By All the Votes Excepting one

Voted To Choose a Committee To Present the Choice of The Church unto Mr. Cotton Brown as soon as may be

Voted Cap'n John Winchester Sam'll White Esq'r and Mr. Jonathan Windchester be the sd Committee

Voted That the Church Desier the Select Men To Call a Town Meeting as soon as May be

Voted This Meeting be adjournd without Day

Februa. ye 29th 174⅞ Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Know the Minds of the Town they will Concur With the Churches Vote for a Gospel Minister and it pased for the Affermittive and the Rever'd Mr. Cotton Brown Was Chosen

Voted To Give Mr. Cotton Brown five hundred pounds a year old Tenour according to Indian Corn att Twenty Shillings pr. Bushel and Rye att twenty five shillings pr. Bushel and Pork att two shillings pr. pound and Beefe att one shilling and Six pence pr. pound

Voted To Give Mr. Cotton Brown Six hundred pounds old Tenour towards his Settlement

Voted That Henry Sewall Esq'r Be added to the Churches Committee To Present the Towns Choise To Mr. Brown

Voted That this Meeting be adjornd Without Day

March ye 7th 174⅞

Att a Meeting of The Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r & Cap'n Sharp & Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Select Men

Voted Eben'r Davis Town Clerk & To'n Treasurer

Voted Mr. William Ackers Constable & he Paid

Voted Mr. Sam'll Gleason Constable and he paid

Voted Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Constable To Serve for Thirty Pounds old Tenour

Voted Eben'r Davis & Mr. Nath'll Seaver and Mr. Samu'll Craft Assessors Sworn

Voted Major White Surveyor for the North End of the Town

Voted Mr. Moses White Surveyor for the Middle part Both sworn

Voted Mr. George Griggs Surveyor for the South part of ye Town

Voted Mr. John Woodward & Mr. John Harris fence Vewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Nathan Winchester & Mr. Samu'll Clark Junr Hogreives sworn

Voted Mr. Eben'r Sargant & Mr. Eben'r Kindrick Tiething Men

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather

Voted Major White Cap'n Sewall & Mr. Isaac Gardner be a Committee To Vew the Treasurers Accompts

Voted The North End of Brookline Mend the High Ways In sd Town as far as the Meeting House.

Voted This Meeting be adjornd without Day.

April ye 25th 1748

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Moderator

Mr. Cotton Brown Laid Severall proposals before the Town in a Letter Directed To the Inhabitants of Brookline, Relating to his Setling with them in the work of The Ministry. and it was put to the Town by the Moderator whether they would add to mr. Browns Settlement four hundred Pounds more old Tenour than they had Voted to him Before and it pased in the Negative and so Did all the proposals until the last and upon Consideration of the last article The Town Chose a Committee namely Cap'n Robert Sharp Cap'n Isaac Gardner Eben'r Davis to wait on Mr. Brown with the Towns Votes and to see if he will Except of the Towns former offer and make Report to the Town upon the Ajornment of this Meeting which is on Monday the Second Day of May next att four of the Clock in the after Noon

Upon an adjornment from April ye 25th To Monday the Second Day of May

Voted To Reconsider that Vote which pased in the Negative on Mr. Browns first proposal in his Letter To the Town of ading four hundred pounds to his Settlement

Voted To ad four hundred pounds Old Tenour To the Six hundred pounds which was first Voted for his settlement and that the last part of it be paid within three years

Voted That the Assessors with Mr. Brown be the persons Anually To Determine the Rise and fall of his Sallary

Voted that This Meeting be adjornd without Day

May ye 17th 1748 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legaly Called

Voted not To Send a Representative This year

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Raise Two hundred pounds old Tenour To Defray The Charges of the Town for the Insuing year

Voted This Meeting be adjornd without Day

Aug't ye 29th 1748

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned Samu'll White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted that the Day appointed To ordain Mr. Cotton Brown be the last wednesday in october next which is the Twenty Sixth Day of the Month

Voted that one hundred and Twenty pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants of Brookline To Defray the Charge of the said ordination

Voted that Mr. Joshua Child Deacon Clark Mr. Samuel Craft Mr. Nehemiah Davis & Ebenezer Davis be a Committee To Dispose of the Pew which was formerly Mr. Josiah Winchesters and that Spot in the Body of the meeting house which in the year 1737 was voted to Mr. John Goddard and to fix the prises of them and make a Report to the Town at there Next Meeting

Voted Mr. Henry Winchester Mr. Samu'll Clark Mr. Abraham Woodward have them Spots in the Body of the Meeting House that the Town voted them in the year 1737 they paying there Money for them before the Last Day of September Next

Voted Mr. Joseph White Mr Samu'll Craft Mr. Nehemiah Davis Mr. Benja. White Ju'r be a Committee to make Sutable Provision for the Ordination

Voted That this Meeting be ajornd without Day

Septemb'r ye 12*th* 1748

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Moderator

it was put To Vote by the Moderator whether the Town would then Proceed To Sell That part in The Body of the Meeting House where the Third and forth Seats are both of the Men and Womans side in order to Erect Pews there & it pased in the Negative

It was put To Vote by the Moderator whether they would ad any Person or persons More To the Committee Chosen To Provide for the Ordination and it pased in the Negative

The Committee Chosen for the Regulation of The Pews and to make Report to the Town is as followeth. That John Newell he and his heirs forever have That Spot in the Body of the Meeting House at the West End of the mens Two hind Seats which was Voted To John Goddard in the year 1737 said Newell paying in to the Town Treasurer Thirteen pounds old Tenour for the same

March ye 6th. 174$\frac{8}{9}$ At a Meeting of The Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samuell White Esq'r Moderator

Voted Mr. Ebenezer Sargant Constable

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Capt'n Robert Sharp Mr. Thos. Aspenwall Select Men and Assessors sworn

Voted Ebenez'r Davis Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Sworn

Voted Mr. Samu'll Clark Jun'r Mr. Abraham Woodward & Mr. Natha'll Seaver Surveyors of The High Ways Sworn

Voted Mr. William Davis Mr. Isaac Child Jun'r fence Vewers sworn

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Mr. Richard Boyleston Hogreives sworn

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Mr. Daniel Deana Constable

Voted That The Town Impower Samu'll White Esq'r Capt'n Robert Sharp Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Select Men In Behalf of The Town To Give Unto Ebenezer Davis and Nehemiah Davis a bond To Secure Them In The Possession of the Land Said Eben'r Davis and Nehemiah Davis purchised of The Select Men of said Town March ye 2 Day 174$\frac{6}{7}$ Untill The Time That the Mortgage Deed Mr. Sollomon Hill Gave unto Mr. Edward Devotion shall Expier, and at the Expiration of said Deed the Select Men for that year May be and are Impowered To Give unto The Said Ebenezer Davis and Nehemiah Davis There heirs or Assines a Good and Sufifiant Deed of the Said Purchised Land

Voted That This Meeting Be adjornd unto March the thirteenth Day on Monday

Upon an Adjornment from March ye 6th unto Monday March ye thirtenth Day 1748

Voted Mr. Nathaniel Seaver To Serve Constable for Forty Pounds old Tenor

Voted Mr. Abraham Woodward Henry Sewall Esq'r and Mr. Nehemiah Davis be a Committee to Vew The Treasurers Accompts and To Bringe in to The Town in writing The Debt and Credit Thereof

Voted That This Meeting Be Ajornd without Day

May ye 18*th* 1749 at a Meeting of The Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Chosen Representative

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Repair The Meeting House as Soon as may be

Voted To Raise one hundred Pounds old Tenor To Repair The Meeting house

Voted Henry Sewall Esq'r Mr. Isaac Gardner and Mr. Nehimiah Davis be a Committee To Repair The Meeting House

Voted That Two hundred and Fifty Pounds old Tenor be Raised To Defray The Charges of the Town for the present year

Voted the Swine To Run at Large this year

Voted Mr. Samu'll Gleason have Twenty Pounds Reimbursed to him which he paid as a fine for being Chosen Constable old Tenor

Voted This Meeting be adjorned without Day

March ye 5*th* 17$\frac{49}{50}$

at a Meeting of The Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Chuse Three Select men Samuel White Esq'r Mr Abraham Woodward and Ebene'r Davis Selectmen. Selectmen To be Assessors Sworn

Voted Henry Davis Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted Mr. Thomas Bell Constable Sworn

Voted Mr. Nathaniel Seaver Mr. Robert Sharp Jun'r Mr. Obadiah Druce Surveyors of The high ways Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Jun'r Mr. Joshua Boyleston Fence Vewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Joseph Woodward and Mr. John Ragon hogreives Sworn

Voted Deacon Samu'll Clark Clerk of The market & Sealer of Leather

Voted That this Meeting be adjornd without Day

May ye 22 1750

at a Meeting of The Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted not To Send a Representative this year

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Raise Three hundred pounds To Defray the Charges of the Town This present year

Voted To Chuse a Committee To Dispose of the pew. That was formerly Mr. Josiah Winchesters

Voted That Mr. Abraham Woodward Henry Sewell Esq'r & Mr. John Newel be a Committee To Dispose of said pew and make Report to the Town

Voted The Swine To Run at Large this present year

Voted This Meeting be adjornd without Day

June ye 4th 1750 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r To Represent the Town this present year

Novem'r ye 15*th* 1750

at a Meeting of the Church in Brooklyn Deacon Joseph White Chosen Moderator after Some Debate it was put To Vote by the Moderator whether they would Then proceed To the Choice of a Minister and It pased in the affermitive and Mr. Samuel Haven was Chosen by a unanimous Vote.

March ye 11*th* 1751 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Chuse Three Select Men: Samuel White Esq'r Mr. Abraham Woodward & Ebenezer Davis Select Men To be Assessors Sworn

Voted Ebenezer Davis Town Clerk & Town Treasurer

Voted Mr. Isaac Child Constable sworn

Voted Edward White Esq'r Capt'n Isaac Gardner & Mr. John Newel Surveyors of the high ways sworn

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp Jun'r & Mr. Sollomon Hill fence Vewers

Voted Mr. William Davis & Mr. Moses Newel Hogrieves

Voted Mr. Ebenezer Kindrick & Mr. Ebenezer Sargant Tithing Men

Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Peter Parker Sealer of Leather

Voted To Mend the high ways by a Rate

Voted forty Shillings pr. Day for a Teame & Twenty shillings a Day for one hand old Tenor & To work Eight houres in a Day

Voted Major White Capn Sharp Cap'n Sewall Mr. Thomas Aspinwall be a Committee To View the Treasurers accomps & To bring in the Debt and Credit of The Town

Voted This Meeting be adjornd without Day

May ye 17*th* 1751 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Not To Send a Representative To Court this year

Voted Samu'll White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Repair the South Side of the Meeting House with New Clabording New Window fraims & Squair Glas

Voted To Raise five hundred pounds old Tenor for the Supply of the Pulpit

Voted That Mr. Joseph White Mr. Jonathan Winchester Mr. Nehemiah Davis Mr. Isaac Gardner Ju'r Mr. Sam'll Clark Jun'r & Eben'r Davis be a Committee To Take Care for the Supply of ye Pulpit

Voted this Meeting be adjornd without Day

August ye 23 1751 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Raise Two hundred and fifty pounds old Tenor To Defray the Charges of the Town this present year

Voted this Meeting be adjornd without Day

Desem'r 10*th* 1751 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned Samu'll White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

it was put To Vote by the Moderator whether the Congregation would Concur with the Church in this place in there Choise of a Minister and it pased in the affermytive and Mr. Samuel Haven was Chosen

it was put To Vote whether the Town would Give Mr. Haven one Thousand pounds old Tenor Towards his Settlement in this place and it was Disputed whether it was a Vote or not

Voted that this Meeting be adjornd to Tuesday the Twenty forth Day of this Instant Desember

1751 Upon an adjornment from Desemb'r ye 10 Day To Desemb'r the 24th

after some previous Discours It was put To Vote whether the Town would Give Mr. Samuel Haven one hundred and Thirty pounds Law full Money Towards his Settlement in the Ministry in this place and it passed in the affermitive. To be paid in three years one Third part annually

it was also Voted To Give him Mr. Samu'll Haven Sixty six

Pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawfull Money pr. Year for his Sallary provided he Should Settle in Said Town

Voted That Henry Sewall Esq'r Cap'n Benjam. Gardner Mr. Jonathan Winchester & Eben'r Davis be a Committee To acquaint Mr. Haven of the proceedings of the Town in this affair

Voted that this Meetting be adjornd without Day

Februar 17*th* 1752 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Edward White Esq'r Moderator

Voted Not to Chuse a Committee To Take Cair for the Supply of the Pulpit

Voted that This Meeting be adjornd without Day

March 2*d* 1752

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally Warned

Voted Samuel White Esq Moderator

Voted Samuel White Edward White Henry Sewall Esqr's Select Men and Assessors

Voted Mr. Obediah Druce Constable Sworn

Voted Jonth. Winchester Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted Edward White Esq. Mr. Isaak Gardner Mr. William Davis Surveighers of High ways

Voted Mr. Benj'n White Mr. Peter Parker Fence Viewers

Voted Mr. Moses Newel Mr. Elisha Gardner Hog Reaves

Voted The Select Men to look over the Treasurers Accounts and if they find them Right cast and well accounted to give the former Treasurer a Discharge

Voted Mr. Nathaniel Sever Mr. Samuel Craft a Committee to Provide Timber for Window frames for the Meeting House

May 20*th* 1752 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally warned the Select Men Moderators

Voted to Send no Representative for the Ensuing year

at the Same Meeting Edward White Esq Moderator

Voted To raise Seventy three Pounds six Shillings & Eight Pence to defray the charges of Preaching for the Ensuing year

Voted To raise thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence to defray the other necessary charges that may arise in the Town

Voted To Glaze the Meeting House with Glass of 8 & 10. Each Window to be Six Squaries Deep and four in Wedth

Voted To raise twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to defray the Charges of repairing the Meeting House

Voted That Mr. Nathaniel Sever and Mr. Samuel Craft be a Com'te to take the care of repairing the Meeting House

Voted The Select Men to Provide Preachers till the Town shall take further care for supplying the Pulpit

Voted That Samuel White & Henry Sewall Esqrs have Liberty to build a Tomb in the Burying Place for themselves & Families

Voted That Capt: Robert Sharp have Liberty to build a Tomb in the Burying Place for himself and Family

Voted That Mr. Isaac Winchester have Liberty to build a Tomb in the Burying Place for himself and Family

Voted that Mr. Nehemiah Davis have the Pew on the East side of the front Door as it was disposed of to him by a Comt: chosen to dispose thereof he paying to the Town Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence

Voted that this Meeting be adjornd without Day

Jan 25 1753

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally warned

Voted Samuel White Esq Moderator

Voted The Congregation unanimously voted to concur with the Churches Choice (on the first Day of Jan: instant) of Mr Stephen Badger to be their Gospel Minister

Voted To give Mr. Stephen Badger one hundred thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence for his Settlement

Voted To give Mr. Stephen Badger Eighty Pounds yearly for his Sallery Provided he shall be settled in the Ministry in the Town

Voted That the Settlement Money be Paid as follows viz Fifty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence be paid within the first year after Mr. Badger shall be settled Forty Pounds within the Second and Forty Pounds within the third year

Voted That Henry Sewall Esq Capt Benjamin Gardner and Mr. Isaac Gardner be a Com't to acquaint Mr. Badger with the above written Votes of the Town

Voted That this Meeting be adjurned to the twenty fourth Day of February next at two o'clock in the afternoon

March 5th 1753 Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted Samuel White Edward White Henry Sewall Esqrs Select Men

Voted Jonathan Winchester Town Clerk & Town Treasurer sworn

Voted Mr. Moses Newall Constable sworn

Voted Henry Sewall Esq William Ackers & Daniel Dana Surveighers of high ways sworn

Voted Mr. Sargeant & Mr. Kindrick Tithing Men sworn

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester & Mr. Robert Sharp junior Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Sealer of Leather & Clerk of the Market sworn

Voted Mr. Joshua Boylston & Mr. Thomas Woodward junior Hogreaves

Voted Mr. Eben'r Davis Mr. Nathaniel Sever & Mr. Wm. Davis Assessors Sworn

Voted that the Select Men with Mr. Isaac Gardner Capt Robert Sharp and Mr. Thomas Aspinwall be a Com'tt to confer with

Mr. Solomon Hill concerning the Legacy left to the Town by Mr. Devotion

Voted To provide Window Shutters for the Lower Windows of the Meeting House

Voted that the Select Men be a Com't to provide the Window Shutters

Voted that the Meeting be adjornd without Day

May 25 1753

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin legally called the Select Men Moderating

Voted To Send no Representative for the Ensuing Year

Voted that the Select Men assest the Town Treasurer in stering up the Constable speedily to collect the Town Rate

Voted that this Meeting be adjerned without Day

August 31*st* 1753 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally called

Voted Samuel White Esq Moderator

Voted To raise Forty Six Pounds thirteen shillings & Four Pence to defray the Town Charges for the Present year

Voted To Grant to Jonathan Winchester two Pounds as a Compensation for His Trouble and care in the Discharge of the office of Town Treasurer for the Present year

Voted that this Meeting be adjurned without Day

Octob'r 15 1753

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin legally called

Voted Samuel White Esq. Moderator

Voted The Congreation voted to Concur with the Churches Choice of Mr. Robert Rogerson to be their Gospel Minister

Voted To give Mr. Rogerson One Hundred thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence for His Settlement

Voted To give Mr. Rogerson Eighty Pounds yearly for His Sallery provided He shall be Settled in the Town in the Capacity of a Gospel Minister

Voted That the Settlement Money be paid in the following Manner Viz Sixty three Pounds Six Shillings & eight within the first year Forty Pounds within the Second and Forty within the third year after He shall be Settled

Voted that Capt'n Sharp Edward White and Samuel White Esqrs be a Com't : to inform Mr. Rogerson of the above the Votes

Voted that this meeting be adjurned without Day

1753 *December* 18*th*

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklin Legally called Having chosen Edward White Esqr Moderator the Town Received Mr. Rogersons Answer which was in the affirmative. Also concluded that the Com'tt formerly chosen to take care of the Legacy left to the Town by Mr. Devotion should also take care of a bight of Land given to the Town by the sd Devotion Lying on the Backside of North Yarmouth then adjurned this meeting without Day

[END OF VOLUME ONE.]

March 4*th* 1754 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called

Voted Jonathan Winchester chosen Moderator

Voted To choose three Select. Men

Voted Jonth. Winchester Mr. Nehimiah Davis & Mr. Abr'm Woodward chosen Select Men & Assessors sworn

Voted That the Assessors for the last year stand a Tryal with Henry Sewall Esq'r before the sessions for Abatements of Part of his Rates

Voted Mr Benj'n White jnr. be Constable

Voted Jonathan Winchester Town Clerk & Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Messrs Abr'm Woodward Wm. Akers Isaac Winchester Surveyers of the High Ways sworn

Voted Mr. John Woodward & Mr. Rob't Sharp jun'r Fence Viewers sworn

Voted Mr. Eben'r Kinderich & Mr. Eben'r Sargeant Tithing Men

Voted Mr. Nath. Winchester & Mr. Joseph Woodward Hogreaves sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market & Leather Sealer

Voted That Swine run at large

Voted This Meeting to be Adjourned to the 11th Day of March Instant

Upon an Adjournment from March 4th to the 11th Day

Mr. Benj'n White Junior who was chosen Constable at the last Meeting refusing either to serve or Pay the Fine

Voted Mr. Isaac Gardner Junior Chosen Constable who hired Mr. Moses Newell to Serve for Him.

Voted Mr. Moses Newell Constable sworn

Voted Samuel White Esq'r & Henry Sewall Esq to be a Com'tt to View ye Tr. Acc'ts

Voted This Meeting to be Adjourned without Day

May 16*th* 1754 Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called.

Voted Not to Send a Representative this year.

Voted To Raise 106 :13£. to defray the necessary Charges the present year.

Voted Henry Sewall Esq Mr. Ab'm Woodward & Maj'r White chosen for a Comm't to dispose of the Pew lately belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Stedman

Voted Not to Do any thing concerning Mr. Rogersons Ordination at this meeting

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day.

1754 *Octob'r* 30 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called

Voted Jonathan Winchester Moderator

Voted Not to appoint a Day for Mr. Robert Rogersons Ordination

Voted The Town Then manifested by a Vote that they Judged it proper & Expedient that a Mutual Council which should consist of The Neighbouring Churches should be sent for to Give their Advice to the Town under the present situation of their Affairs.

Voted That Capt'n Sharp Capt'n Gardner & Deacon Davis be a Comm't to lay before Mr. Rogerson the Votes of this Meeting

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

1755 *Jan*: 2d. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Grant Ten Pounds to Defray the Charges of a Council.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

1755 *March* 3d At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jonathan Winchester Moderator

Voted To choose three Select Men

Voted Jonth. Winchester Mr. Abr. Woodward Capt Benj'n Gardner chosen Select Men & Assessors sworn

Voted Mr. Elisha Gardner chosen Constable sworn

Voted Jonth. Winchester chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. Thom's Aspinwall Mr. Isaac Gardner jun'r & Mr. John Newell Chosen Surveyors of the High Ways Sworn.

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp jun'r & Mr. Solomon Hill chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Sam'l Gardner & Mr. Thom's Woodward chosen Hog Reaves sworn

Voted Deacon Clark chosen Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker chosen Sealer of Leather

Voted Mr. Eben'r Sarjeant & Mr. Kendrick chosen Tithing Men

Voted That the Swine go at large this Year

Voted Messrs Nath'l Seaver Deacon White, Thomas Aspinwall Samuel Craft & Jonth. Winchester chosen a comm't to supply the Pulpit

Voted The Town agreeable to the Advice of the late Venerable Council Voted to Give Mr. Robert Rogerson twenty Pounds Lawfull Money

1755 *May* 19*th* At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called The Select Men Moderating

Voted To Send a Representative to ye Great & General Court this year

Voted Jeremiah Gridley Esq'r Chosen Representative

Voted Samuel White Esq'r chosen Moderator

Voted Voted to Raise Eighty Pounds for the Supply of the Pulpit the ensuing Year

Voted To Raise twenty Pounds which was granted to Mr. Rogerson At a former Meeting

Voted To Raise Forty two Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence to pay the Arrearages of the Town

Voted To Raise Forty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence for the Necessary Charges that may arise in the following year

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

1755 *Sept'r* 10*th* Att A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted That Jeremy Gridley Esq'r be Moderator

Voted Unanimously that the Town Concurs with the Church's Choice of Mr. Nathaniel Potter to be the Gospel Minister in this Town

Voted The Sum of an Hundred Thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence be Paid to Mr. Nath'l Potter for his Settlement that is to say the sum of Fifty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence Part of it in the first Year and the Remainder of it in two equal Annual Payments in the two years next after Provided He accept this choice and be ordained the Gospel Minister in this Town.

Voted that the Sum of Eighty Pounds be annually Paid to Mr. Nath'l Potter for His Salary as the Gospel Minister in this Town. Provided He accept the choice & be ordained accordingly

Voted that Mr. Jonathan Winchester Samuel White Esq'r Capt'n Gardner Capt'n Sharp & Deacon White be a Comm't to wait on Mr. Nath'l Potter & acquaint Him with these Votes

1755 *Octob'r* 14*th* At a Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called Samuel White Esq'r Moderator.

After having Rec'd Mr. Nath'l Potters Answer which was in the Affirmative

Voted that ye Day for Mr. Potters Ordination should be the 19th of Nov. next

Voted That Eight Pounds be Raised on ye Real & Personal Estates of ye Inhab'ts of ye Town to defray ye Charges of sd Ordination

Voted That Messrs Nath'l Sever John Newell Elisha Gardner be a Comm't to provide for ye Counsel

The Meeting adjourned without Day

1756 *March* 1*st* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men for the ensuing year

Voted Jona. Winchester Samuel White Esq'r Mr. Abr'm Woodward Capt. Benj'm Gardner & Dea'n Joseph White Chosen Select Men

Voted That the Select Men be Assessors for the ensuing year. Sworn

Voted Jona. Winchester Chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer. Sworn

Voted Capt. Benj'n White Chosen Constable for the ensuing year Paid the Fine

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark jun'r chosen Surveyor of of High Ways for the North Part. Mr. Moses White for the Middle & Mr. Caleb Woodward. for the South part of the Town

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester & Mr. Joseph Winchester chosen Fence Viewers. sworn

Voted Mr. Eben'r Kindrick & Mr. Eben'r Sargeant chosen Tithing Men

Voted Mr. Daniel Winchester & Mr. Alexander Samson chosen Hog Reaves sworn

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Chosen Clerk of the Market & Leather Sealer sworn

Voted That two Pews be made on each Side of the Middle Alley in the Place of the Back Seats.

Voted that the Select Men be a Com'tt to Dispose of sd Pews and Set a Price on them

Voted That Deacon Davis Maj'r White & Capt: Sharp be a Com'tt to Look over the Treasurers Acc'nts

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday next which Will be the Eighth Day of March instant at One O'Clock P. M.

1756 *March 8th* At A Meeting of ye Inhabitants on an adjournment from March 1st

Voted Mr. John Goddard jun'r chosen Constable for ye ensuing year Sworn

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Monday ye 15th of March Instant 3 O'Clock P. M.

1756 *May* 12*th* At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called the Select Men Moderating

Voted To Send a Representative for ye Ensuing year

Voted Jeremiah Gridley Esq'r Chosen Representative

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday ye 31st of this Instant May at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon

1756 *May* 31*st* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline on adjournment from May 12th

Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted to Raise Forty Pounds to Defray the Charges that may arise in the Town the Ensuing Year

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

1757 *March* 7*th* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Jona. Winchester Mr. Abra'm Woodward Chosen to be Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Jona. Winchester Chosen Town Clerk & T'n Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Gardner Chosen Constable & Paid his Fine

Voted To Accept of Mr. John Goddard who offered to serve as constable the Ensuing for the Fine Sworn

Voted Mr. Abr'm Woodward Mr. Rob't Sharp jnr. Mr. Joshua Boilston Chosen Surveyors of the High Ways Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Whittemore & Mr. Joshua Boilston Fence Viewers sworn

Voted Mr. Eben'r Kindrick & Mr. Eben'r Sarjeant chosen Tithing Men

Voted Mr. Peter Parker chosen Sealer of Leather & Clerk of ye Market Sworn

Voted Mr. Stephen Brewer & Mr. Caleb Woodward chosen Hog Reaves sworn

Voted That the Town will bring to ye Rev'd Mr. Potter's House & His sucessors in ye Ministry Sixteen Cords of Wood Annually out of the Wood-lot lying in Needham which Samuel White Esq'r has offered to the Town as A Gift for the use of ye Ministry so long as ye Wood in sd Lot shall hold out.

Voted That Deacon White & Dea'n Davis be a Com't to see to ye Cutting of ye Wood

Voted Maj'r White Henry Sewall Esq'r & Dea'n Davis chosen to Look over The Treasurers Acc'nt in Order to know what is ye Debt & Credit of ye Town

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

1757 *May* 18*th* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Regularly Called the Selectmen Moderating

Voted To Send A Representative this year

Voted Jeremy Gridly Esq'r Chosen Representative for the Ensuing year

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To raise Forty Pounds Lawful Money to Defray the Necessary Charges of the Town the present year.

Voted This meeting to be Adjourned without Day

1758 *March ye* 6*th* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Edward White Esq'r Moderator

Voted Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Mr. Abr'm Woodward & Deacon Joseph White Select Men

Voted That the Selectmen be Assessors ye ensuing Year sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner jnr. Chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer sworn

Voted That Mr. William Davis shall have Five Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence to serve as Constable for ye ensuing Year.

Voted Mr. William Davis Constable for ye ensuing Year Sworn.

Voted Mr. Isaac Child ju'r Surveyor of Ways for the South Part

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis Surveyor of Ways for ye Middle Part

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester Surveyor of Ways for ye North Part of ye Town all Sworn in Said Office.

Voted Mr. Eben'r Kindrick & Mr. Eben'r Sarjeant Tithing Men

Voted Mr. Sam'l Aspinwall & Mr. Sam'l Gardner Fence Veewers. Sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather

Voted Mr. Francis Blanchard & Mr. Joshua Davis hog Reaves

Voted That Swine run at Large

Voted Deacon Davis Nehemiah Davis & Capt. Benj'n White be a Com't to Look over Mr. Jona. Winchesters Accounts

Voted That ye Rev'd Mr. Potter's Wood shall be brought by Hire.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

1758 *April ye 26th* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator

Voted That the Reve'd Mr. Nath'l Potter doth not go In the Intended Expedition against Canada.

Voted That This Meeting be Adjourned without Day.

1758 *May ye 22d* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Not to Send a Representative This Year

Voted Samuel White Esq'r Moderator.

Voted Mr. Sam'l Clark jnr. & Mr. Elisha Gardner be hog Reaves for ye insewing year in ye sted of Francis Blanchard & Joshua Davis sworn

Voted. Deacon Ebenezer Davis Mr. Nehemiah Davis and Capt. Benjamin White be a Com'tt to look over Mr. Jona. Winchesters accts. and settle with him and give him a Discharge & make Report of ye Debt and Credit of the Town.

Voted That Jeremy Gridley Henry Sewall Esq'r Adjoin the Com'ttee yt hath ye Care of the Estate of Edward Devotion Deceased

Voted That if ye Com'ttee Shall not agree with Mr. Solomon Hill They Shall Proceed with him in a Case of Law

Voted That the Com'ttee Shall have Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four pence Lawful Money to inable them to Proceed (and more if wanted)

Voted That the Select Men Shall give a Warranty Deed. To Mr. Ebenezer Davis and Mr. Nehemiah Davis in behalf of the Town of a Tract of Land bot. of Sd Town

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to June ye 12th at Two of ye Clock in the After Noon

1758 *June ye 12th.* At A Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brookline on Adjournment from May ye 22d

Voted Whether Forty Shillings Lawful Money which he hath Rec'd, be a sufficient Gratuity for Mr. Jona. Winchesters Serveing as Town Treasurer pas'd in the Negative.

Voted That Mr. Jonan. Winchester have One Pound Lawful money for his Extraordinary Trouble as Treasurer

Voted To Raise Forty Pounds to Defray ye Charges yt may arise in the Town the Ensuing Year.

Voted That Isaac Gardner Ju'r serve as Grand Juror for ye Year

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

1759 *March ye 5th* At A Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called.

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose Three Select Men

Voted Mr. Abr'm Woodward Deacon Ebenezer Davis and Mr. Nehemiah Davis Select Men

Voted Isaac Gardner Ju'r Town Clerk and Treasurer Sworn

Voted That the Select Men be Assessors for ye Ensuing Year Sworn

Voted That Mr. Caleb Woodward be Constable for the Ensuing Year Sworn

Voted Edward White Esq. Surveyor of Ways for the North Part of Sd Town Sworn

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Surveyor of highways for the Middle Part Sworn

Voted Mr. Daniel Dana Surveyor of high Ways for the South Part of said Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Ebenezer Serjeant and Elhannan Winchester Chosen Tithing Men for Said Town

Voted Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Thos. Woodward Ju'r Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of ye Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Mr. Joshua Davis & Mr. Nath. Healy hog Reaves Sworn

Voted To mend ye Highways by a Rate

Voted To Reconsider ye above Vote and to mend them as usual

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting to Monday Next whill be ye 12 Inst. at One of ye Clock P. M.

March ye 12th 1759 At A meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brookline on adjournment from March ye 5th To March ye 12th

Voted Not to give ye Rev'd Mr. Potter Twenty two Cords of Wood Annually

Voted Not to make any Addition to his Annually Sixteen Cords of Wood

Voted Not To affix Twenty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawful Money to his Yearly Sallary.

Voted To Pay ye Rev Mr. Potters Sallary Quarterly

Voted That ye Ministers Rate be made Seperate from the other Rates

Voted That Each and every Person, or Persons, shall by a Quarterly Contribution, Pay in their, Proportion as Assessed, by ye Assessors, of said Town and every Person shall mark their Money and if their Remains a Supplussage that Supplussage To Account for their other Rates In said Town

Voted Whither to Reconsider ye Vote concerning not making any addition of Fire Wood to his Sixteen Cords and Past in ye Negative, not to affix any Addition

Voted That ye Swine be Cloister'd

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

May ye 24th 1759 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brook line Legally Called

Voted Not to Send a Representative ye Ensuing year

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted Not to Grant Mr. Jona. Winchester one Pound a year for his Services as Town Treasurer

Voted To forgive Mr. Jona. Winchester ye Debt which he ow'd the Town

Voted to Raise one Hundred Pounds to Defray ye Charges yt may arise in ye Town ye Ensuing Year

Voted That the Town will accept an open road two Rods wide from Mr. Nehemiah Davis' Gate to Roxbury Line leading to

Mr. Bell's on condition yt the Abettors in ye Town of Brookline will give the Land for it and maintain ye Fence forever and that Roxbury will open a Road of ye Same Breadth to meet it at Brookline Line

Voted Whether ye Town will in Consideration of ye extraordinary Price of Provisions Grant to ye Rev'd Mr. Nath'l Potter any Sum of Money for ye present year beyond his Settled Sallary. Pas'd in ye Negative

Voted To have Four Contributions by way of Presents to the Rev'd Mr. Nath'l Potter

Voted That ye Deacons Regulate ye Meetings for the Rev'd Mr. Potters Contributions

Voted To Add Four Cords of Wood to ye Rev'd Mr. Nath'l Potters Sixteen Cords of Wood Annually

Voted that yt Jeremy Gridley Esq'r & the Select Men be a com'ty to Inform the Rev'd Mr. Potter of Votes Pas'd Relative to him.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned with out Day.

June ye 13*th* 1759. At a Meeting of Lawfully warned & Leggally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r was chosen Moderator

Whereas the Reverend Mr. Nath'l Potter Applied to the Town at their Last March Meeting for a Settled annual Addition of £26. 13. 4 to his Sallary, and of Six Cords more of Firewood annually the Votes thereupon pas'd in the negative after which he applied to ye Church for a Dismission from his Pastoral Office and at ye instance of some of ye Members of it an Article was inserted in the Warrant for last May Meeting whether the Town will consider the Rev'd Mr. Potter in any Respect as to his Salary and the Reverend Mr. Potter at said May Meeting appeared & read a Remonstrance of his case to the Inhabitants of the Town and left it to be consider'd where upon nothing was acted, as not being notified in the Warrant, and upon sd warrant for ye May Meeting it was. Voted by ye Town that he should have four Contributions this year and four cords more of Wood yearly, and the Town then Appointed the Moderator & Select Men to acquaint ye Rev'd Mr. Potter with the Votes of the Meeting, and upon their doing it he inform'd them that ye Said Votes were not Satisfactory to him, and then Desir'd the Select Men to call a Town Meeting to act upon his said Remonstrance, which having now been read and considered the Question Whether the Town will make the Rev'd Mr. Potter a fixed yearly addition of Twenty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence to his salary.

Voted in the negative unanimously

whereupon Deacon White & Deacon Davis were appointed by ye Town to notify the Rev'd Mr. Potter of this Vote, that if he pleased he might make Known his mind to the Town upon it. Who made return that they had notified him accordingly and there upon he appeared in Town Meeting and desired to be discharged from his Ministerial Comtract with the Town offering to resign any part of his Settlement Money, or the whole, of it if it should be thought reasonable by the Town to Take it, as by a Wrighting under his hand on file appears and after a Debate here upon, the Question whether ye Reverend Mr. Nath'l Potter be Discharged from his Ministerial Contract with this Town upon condition of his giving good Security to ye Select Men of the Town to their Satisfaction within three months to pay to the Town of Brookline at what time they Shall think proper, the sum of an Hundred & thirty three pounds, six Shillings & Eight pence, which was paid him by the Town for his Settlement as a Minister of ye Gospel here, Provided the Church in this Town shall think proper to discharge him from his Pastrol relation to it on the same Conditions as was put

Voted In the Affirmative

Voted the Moderator Mr. Abraham Woodward Deacon White

& Deacon Davis be a Com'tt to notify ye Rev'd Mr. Potter of this Vote.

The Venire facias was Red, for a Grandjuror

Voted Mr. Abraham Woodward Grandjuror for ye present year

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

Lords Day evening June ye 17th 1759 the Church of Brookline Discharged the Rev'd Mr. Nathaniel Potter from his Pastoral relation to them on the same Conditions ye Town Act'd upon

July ye 11*th* 1759 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Leggally Called

Voted Mr. Abr'm Woodward chosen Moderator

Voted Capt. Craft, Deacon Davis Isaac Gardner and Mr. Robert Sharp be a Com'tt to supply the Pulpit

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

Oct'r ye 17*th* 1759. At A meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Leggally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq Chosen Moderator

Voted That the Select Men be a Comm'ty to wait upon Mrs. Potter to Know her mind concerning the Settlement Money yt is in Mr. Potters hands

Voted That this meeting be Adjourned to Monday Next which will be ye 22d Instant at three of ye Clock P. M.

October ye 22*d* 1759. At a meeting the Inhabitants of Brookline on Adjournment from October ye 17th to ye 22d Instant The Select Men made their report from Mrs. Potter and thereupon

Voted that the Town will accept Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence, and the Discount of the further Sum of Twenty four Pounds Ten Shillings & Eight pence Supposed to be in ye Treasurers Hands, due to Mr. Nath'l Potter in Satisfaction for his Settlement Money to be repaid provided he or his Attorneys make ye payment of yt first mentioned Sum & Said Discount within a fortnight.

Voted That ye Select Men or greater part of them acquaint Mrs. Potter with the Vote & transact The Matter.

Voted This meeting be Adjourned without Day

[The following Receipt is here fastened in with the Records. to wit]

Brookline Nov'r ye 5th 1759.

Then I the Subscriber as Attorney to my husband Mr. Nath'l Potter discounted with ye Town of Brookline the sum of Twenty four pounds ten shillings & eight pence Lawfull money in Brookline Treasurers hands, due to my husband towards the repayment of such part of his Settlement money as ye sd Town has Voted to Accept for ye whole

Hannah Potter Attorney for Mr. Nath'l Potter.

Decem'r ye 19th 1759. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Leggally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted That this meeting be Adjourned, to Monday the 24th Instant at two of ye Clock in ye Afternoon.

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline on adjournment from Decem'er ye 19th to ye 24th Instant at two of the Clock in ye Afternoon P. M.

The Churches Choice of Mr. Joseph Jackson being Read

The Question whither the Town will Concur with the Churches Choice of Mr. Joseph Jackson to be their Gospel Minister and ye Vote Past Unanimously in the affirmative Concur.

That the Sum of an Hundred thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence be paid to Mr. Joseph Jackson for his settlement Money that is to Say the sum of Eighty Pounds to be immediately Paid after he is Settled and the Remaining sums of Fifty three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence to be Paid in the year 1761. Provided he accept ye Choice and be Ordained the Gospel Minister in this Town

Voted That ye Sum of Eighty Pounds & Four Quarterly Contributions be Annually paid to Mr. Joseph Jackson for his Salary as ye Gospel Minister in this Town Provided he accepts the Choice and be Ordained Accordingly

Voted That the Town will bring to Mr. Jos. Jacksons House Twenty Cords of good wood Annually Provided he Settles with us and has a Family

Voted Jeremy Gridley Henry Sewall Esq'rs Capt. Craft Deacon White Deacon Davis & Isaac Gardner be a Commity to wait on Mr. Joseph Jackson and acquaint him with these Votes

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourn'd without Day

Feb ye 6th 1760 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Leggally Called.

Mr. Jacksons Answer being Read

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted If in case that Contribution which was Voted Mr. Joseph Jackson shall in any year during the Time of his being the Gospel Minister in this Town fall short of Thirtin Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence ℘ Annum. Such Deficiency, shall be made up Equal to the Above Named sum, of Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day.

Mr. Jacksons Answer *Cambridge Feb'y* 2 1760

To the Church & Congregation in Brookline

My Christian Friends and Brètheren.

Having by a Committe appointed by you for that purpose received an account of your proceedings with regard to the settlement of a Minister, and that the great head of the Church, has disposed your hearts to make choice of me however unworthy, to take the pastoral charge over you, and to desire my answer to your kind Invitation

This is therefore in answer to said invitation to infom you: that being deeply sensible of the difficulty and importance of a right discharge of the Ministerial office, and from such light as I have been able to obtain, I find myself disposd to accept of your invitation, with this Proviso, that it shall pleas'd to engage, in case, that Contribution which was Voted shall in any year fall short of thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings & Eight pence, that you will yearly during the time of my being your Pastor, Make up such deficiency, so as to make a sum equal to thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings & Eight pence ℘ annum which Sum I have been informed by certain Persons they Supposed the condition would amount to.

I ask this not from any desire of making a large estate or living in extravagance at your expense but on the other hand, that I may be so supported as to give myself wholly to the work of the Ministry without any incumbrance on my worldly Affairs—And also that fixing the said Sum may serve to prevent any future uneasiness, which Tho. I have no reason to expect from you in particular, might Nevertheless possibly happen If I Should hereafter be necessitated to ask it. Your compliance with this alteration in your offers I may rather expect, by being informed in conversation that it was Very likely the Town would comply with it, and also from that kind & generous disposition you have already discovered to wards me. Thus my friends, I should choose to Settle among you, to spend & be spent for you, together with my reasons therefor, which I apprehend are no ways inconsistent with that Christian spirit which I desire to exercise to wards you nor with the Character of a Minister of Jesus Christ.

And now may God so overrule your proceedings as shall most effectually tend to advance his glory & the welfare of your immortal Souls.

If he should so order it, that I should be your Pastor, may I have grace given me from above so to impart to you in spiritual things as that you may never have occasion to repent of bestowing on me these that are temporal That the devine blessing may always rest upon you, and that you may have direction from Above in all your proceedings, is the earnest Prayer of him who wishes your welfare in this & the coming world

Joseph Jackson

A true Copy Attest Isaac Gardner T. Clerk

A copy of A, com'ttys Transactions in ye year 1756 is as follows

Brookline May ye 4th 1756

Whereas at a Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brookline in the first day of March Last Legally called it was Voted that two Pews should be Erected on each side the Middle Ally in the Meeting House in the Room of the two hindemost seats And we the subscribers were chose a com't to Dispose of Sd Spaces and set a Price on them.

Accordingly: We have Disposed of the spaces or spots on the Mens Side Next the Middle Ally, to Jery Gridley Esq'r He Paying to the Town Five Pounds, Six Shillings & Eight p. The other Spot on the Same Side to Mr. William Accorors He Paying Five Pounds to the Town. The Spot or Space next to the Middle Ally we have Disposed of to Deacon Ebenezer Davis He Paying Five Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence and the other spot on that Side to Capten Capt. Samuel Craft. he Paying the Town Five Pounds

Samuel White A. Woodward Benj. Gardner Jona. Winchester Joseph White comm'ty

Febr'y ye 12th 1760 A True Copy Attest I. Gardner T. Clerk

March ye 3d 1760 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men

Voted Jeremy Gridley Henry Sewall Esq'rs Deacon Ebenezr Davis Isaac Gardner Jun'r and Mr. John Harris Jun'r Select Men & Assessors sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Jun'r Chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. Thomas Woodward jr. Chosen Constable Sworn

Voted Levt. Robert Sharp Surveyor of Ways for ye North part Mr. Joseph Winchester for the Middle part and Mr. Timothy Harris for the South part, all sworn in their Office

Voted Mr. Thomas Woodward & Mr. Ebenezer Sarjeant chosen Tithing Men for ye Insuing Year

Voted Mr. Samuel Gardner & Mr. Joshua Boylston Fence Viewers

Voted Mr. Samuel Clark Jun'r Clerk of the Market Sworn

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Hog Reaves Chosen Mr. Samuel White Jun'r Mr. Joshua Woodward Mr. Aaron Healy Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Sworn

Voted The Swine go at Large this Year

Voted A Com'ity to View ye Treasurers ac'ts Henry Sewall Esq Deacon Ebenezer Davis & Deacon Joseph White

Voted Mr. Gadcomb & his Wife Executrix to ye Estate of Mr. Edward Devotion Deceased Shall be Indemnified, and Also that part of the Comm'ty which shall Indemnify said Gadcomb & Wife, Shall be Indemnified by the Town

Voted To Supply Mr. Jos. Jackson with as much Firewood as he Shall have occasion for, within the Limits of the above Voted Twenty Cords Annually.

Voted That the Day for Mr. Joseph Jackson's Ordination Should be the Seond Day of april Next

Voted That Mr. Joseph Jackson's ordination be Adjourned to Wednesday the 9th Day of April

Voted That Ten Pounds be Raised on the Real & Personal

Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town to Defray the Charges of Said Ordination

Voted That Mr. Moses White Mr. Isaac Winchester Mr. Elisha Gardner & Mr. Joshua Boylston be a Com'ty to provide for ye Counsel.

Voted That the Inhabitants of ye South part of ye Town who Shall give their Names in at ye Next May Town Meeting for a school in that part of the Town, Shall be aided & assisted by ye Town In erecting a School house & Excused from Any Tax to wards ye Other Schooling of ye Town as long as the Said Inhabitants keep up & Maintain Such Schooling

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

Brookline April ye 9th 1760

The Rev. Mr. Jos. Jackson Ordained

May ye 24 1760 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Not to send a Representative ye Ensuing year

Voted Edward White Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Raise One Hundred Pounds to Defray Charges that may arise ye Ensuing Year.

Voted Not to Abate George Grigg's Rates for the Year 1758

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned with out Day

July ye 18*th* 1760 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Accept ye List taken by the Select Men of Such Persons liable by Law to serve on ye Pettit Juries

Voted That one Quarter of the Number in Said List Serve as Jurors at ye Superior Court of Judicature, and their names put into the Superior Box.

Voted That the Remainder in Said Lists serve as Jurors in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of Peace and their Names put into ye Inferior Box.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

March ye 2d 1761. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose five Select Men

Voted Jeremy Gridley Henry Sewall Esq'rs Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Isaac Gardner and Mr. John Harris Jun'r Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner jun'r Treasurer and Town Clerk Sworn

Voted to Choose two Wardens

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp & Mr. Wm. Ackors Chosen Wardens Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Aspinwall Chosen Constabl. Refus'd to Serve Paid his fine

Voted Mr. Joshua Woodward Chosen Constabl. Refus'd to Serve Paid his fine

Voted To Request of Mr. Thomas Woodward jun'r who offered to serve as Constable the ensuing Year for Six pounds Sworn

Voted Mr. Benj'n White Surveyer for the Middle District

Voted Mr. David Dana Surveyor for the South District Sworn

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Surveyor for the North District sworn

Voted Mr. Joshua Davis & Mr. Joshua Woodward Chosen Fence Viewers sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market "

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Sealer of Leather "

Voted Joseph White jun'r Chosen Hogreave but Excused

Aaron Healy & Francis Blanchard Hog Reaves sworn

Voted The Hogs be shet up the ensuing year

Voted That Capt. Benja. White Deacon Jos. White & Deacon Ebenez'r Davis be a Committee to view the Treasurers Accounts & Make report of the Debt & Credit of said Town at next may Meeting

Voted to allow the overlay of the Committees Accounts of what was allowed by Town Vote for the Entertainment of the Ordination of the Rev'd Mr. Jos. Jackson

Voted to abate the Arers of Benj. Bridges Rates for the year 1759

Voted That the Select Men for the year 1761 be a Committee to Lay & Stake out a Road two Rods wide from Mr. Nehemiah Davis Gate to Roxbury line

Voted That the Annual Sum of thirteen pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence for the future be added to the Rev'd Mr. Jos Jacksons fixed Salary in lieu of the four Quarterly contributions Voted him and the deficiency hereof to be made up to said Sum by the Town.

Voted To Pay the Rev'd Mr. Jacksons Salary quarterly for the future

Voted To have a Weekly Contribution for the future & each person to mark their Money.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day.

May ye 18*th* 1761. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Not to send a Representative the Ensuing year

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Raise Sixty Pounds for the Present Year

Voted To Receive of Henry Sewall Esq'r one of the Executors of the Estate of Sam'l White Esq'r Dec'd a Deed of a Woodlot Lying in Needham which Said Samuel Gave to the Town of Brookline

Voted That the Upper School House be Repaired

Voted That the Lore School House be Repaired and Kept for a School House and no other use

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

June ye 29th 1761 Mr. Elisha Gardner Chosen Grandjuror for the year

July ye 31st 17.61. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted That the List of Jurors taken by the Select Men be Allowed

Voted To Transfer Mr. Robert Sharp jun'r Name from ye Inferior Box to the Superior Box.

Voted That the Persons Named who ware taken by the Select Men be put into the Inferior jurors Box

Voted That Mr. John Woodward be Grand jurior for August Court Drawn out of ye Superior Box Mr. Moses White

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day.

Nov'r ye 9th 1761. At. A meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jer. Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted That ye Select men be a Committee to procure an attested Copy from ye records of ye House of Representatives of ye return of ye Valuation of ye Estates in the Town made by the Assessors this Year.

Voted That this meeting be Adjourned to Saturday ye 14th Instant Nov'r at Two of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

Nov'r 19th 1761 At A meeting of the Inhabitants on Adjournment

Voted That the Select Men be a Committee To wait on the General Court for an abatement of Tax

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Know ye, That I Samuel White of Brooklyn In the County of Suffolk and Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England Esq'r For and in Consideration of the Sum of Forty pounds, to me in Hand before the Ensealing hereof, well and truly paid by the Select Men of said Town for ye use of Brooklin for a Woodlot to Supply The Minister or Ministers that may be Settled in Said Town from time to time. The Receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge my Self therewith fully satisfied and contented and thereof and of every Part and Parcle thereof do exhonorate acqiut and discharge the Sd Select. Men of said Town of Brookline there Heirs, Executors & Administrators for ever by these Presents: Have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed & confirmed unto them, the said Select Men in behalf of sd Town for the time being: A certain Tract of Woodland by Estimation Twènty Acres more or Less. Lying & being In the Township of Needham on the North. side of Sherborn Road: Butted and bounded as followeth Northerly upon ye County Line Between ye County of Suffolk & Midd'x Easterly upon Jer'y Fishers Hundred Acre Lot. Southerly upon Land of Benja. Miles heirs and upon the Land of Peter Eads West or however Otherwise bounded or Reputed to be bounded.

To Have and to Hold the Said granted & bargained Premises with all the Appurtenances, Priveledges & Commodities to the Same. belonging or in any Wise Appertaining to the Said Town of Brookline Their Heirs & Assigs For ever: To their only proper Use Benefit and Behoof forever.

And I the Sd Samuel White for my Heirs Executors & Administrators do covenant Promis and grant to and with the Sd Town their Heirs and Assigns that before the ensealing here of I am The true sole and Lawful Owner of ye above bargained Bargained Premises and am Lawfully Seized and posessed of the Same in own proper Rights as a good perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple: and have in my Self good right full Power, and Lawful Authority to grant bargain, sell Convey and confirm Said bargained premises, in Manner as aforesaid: and that the Sd Town of Brookline their Heirs and Assigns shall and may from time to time and at all Times forever hereafter by Force and Virtue of these Presents Lawfully peaceably and quietly have hold use occupy posess and enjoy the Said demised and bargained premises with all the Appurtenances, free and clear & freely & clearly acquited Exhonorate and discharge of and from all and all Manner of former or other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales. Leases, Mortgages, Wills Entails, Joynturs, Dowers, Judgments, Executions, or Incumbrances of what name or Nature forever that might in any Measure or Degree obstruct or make Void this present Deed.

Furthermore I the Sd Samuel White for my Self my Heirs Executors & Administrators, do covenant and engage the above demised Premises to the Sd Town of Brookline & to their heirs and Assigns, against the lawful Claims or Demands of any person or Persons whatsoever for ever hereafter to Warrant, Secure and Defend by these Presents. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth day of March Annoque Domini 1759 and in The Thirty Second Year of his Majesties Reign.

Samuel White

Signed Sealed and Delevered In Presince of us

Jer. Gridley

William Davis

Suffolk ss March 12. 1759

The within named Samuel White Esq'r acknowledged this Instrument to be his act and Deed.

Before me Jer Gridley Just. of Peace

A Tru Copy Attest Isaac Gardner Jun T. Clerk

March ye 22 1762 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Capt. Benja. White Isaac Gardner jun'r Mr. Robert Sharpe jun'r & Mr. John Harris jun'r Select Men & Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Jun'r Town Treasurer & Clerk Sworn

Voted Wardens Mr. Elisha Gardner & Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Sworn

Voted Mr. John White Chosen Constable who appeared by Edw'd White Esq'r & Refused to serve

Voted To Accept Mr. Samuel Aspinwall who offered to serve as Constable the Ensuing year for the sum of Six pounds Thirteen Shillings & Eight pence Sworn

Voted A Committe to View the Treasurers Acc'ts Henry Sewall Jer Gridley Esq'r & Capt. Benja. White

Voted Capt. Samuel Craft Surveyor for the North part Sworn

Voted Mr. Benja. White Surveyer for the Middle part Sworn

Mr. Isaac Child jun'r for the South District sworn

Voted Mr. William Ackers Mr. John Heath chosen Fence Viewers sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker sealer of Leather sworn

Voted Francis Blanchard Oliver White Chosen Hog Reaves sworn

Voted To closter the Hogs this Present Year

Voted Whether the Town will Remit unto Mr. Solomon Hill any part of the Legacy left Said Town by Mr. Edward Devotion Dec'd and it pasd not to Remit any part of said Legacy

Voted To get a Black Velvet Pall

Voted The Select Men be a Committee to Buy Said Pall

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

May ye 13*th* 1762. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Not to send a Representative the Ensuing Year (by Reason not Oblig'd to send by Law)

Voted Deacon Davis chosen Moderator Refused

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis Chosen Moderator Refused

Voted Henry Sewall Esq'e Chosen Moderator Refused

Voted Capt Benja. White Chosen Moderator Accepted

Voted To Raise One Hundred & thirty Pounds to Defray the Present years Charges

Voted Whether the Town will appropriate the use of the Legacy Left said Town by Mr. Edward Devotion Dec'd To a school and it pas'd to Appropriate sd Legacy to the use of Keeping a School

Voted That the Middle School House where it now Stands Be the place to Keep a school with the Interest of the Legacy left said Town by Mr. Edward Devotion Dec'd

Voted To Choose a Committee to take care of and let out the Legacy left the Town by Mr. Edward Devotion Dec'd

Voted a Committee Mr. Nehemiah Davis Mr. Nath'l Seaver Deacon Jos White Deacon Ebenez'r Davis & Isaac Gardner

Voted That the Attornies of Mrs. Mary Gatcomb be desired to receive the money which she as Executrix of Mr. Edward Devotion has Recovered against Mr. Solomon Hill on his Mortgage to said Devotion and pay what is the Towns due of it to the School Committee now appointed and the Town will upon such Payment indemnifie the said Mary Gatcomb & said Attornies their Executors & Administrators from all Demands that may be made against them or either of them from any Creditors or Legatees of sd Devotion to the Value they shall so pay to sd Committee

Voted That the Select Men Shall hire help to pull up the Barbary bushes that are in the Burying place

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourn'd without Day.

We the Subscribers a Committee of the Town of Brookline in the County of Suffolk to take care of & let out at Interest the the Money given by Edward Devotion as a Legacy for ye use of a School in said Town have received of Jer Gridley Henry Sewall

Isaac Gardner Robert Sharp & Thomas Aspinwall Attornies of Mary Gatcomb Executrix of Said Devotions Will three hundred and eight half Johannes of full weight for the purpose of Sd Legacy

Nehemiah Davis
May 24. 1762 Nath'l Sever
Joseph White
Ebenez'r Davis
Isaac Gardner jun'r

A true Copy Examined ℘ Isaac Gardner jun'r T. Clerk

Rec'd of Jer Gridley Isaac Gardner Robert Sharp & Thomas Aspinwall Attornies of Mary Gatcomb Executrix of the will of Edward Devotion lat of Brookline the Sum of One hundred & twelve pounds one Shilling Lawful money in full of all Dues & Demands which Samuel White Esq'r late of Sd Brookline Deceasd or us his Executors had on the Estate of Sd Devotion or against his Sd Executrix

May 24 1762 Henry Sewall
Ebenez'r Craft

A true Copy Examined ℘ Isaac Gardner jun'r Town Clerk

Rec'd of Jer Gridley Henry Sewall Isaac Gardner Robert Sharp and Thomas Aspinwall Attornies of Mary Gatcomb Executrix of the will of Edward Devotion late of Brookline The sum of Twenty Six pounds eighteen Shillings & eight Pence for ye Payment of the Principal & Interest of my Bond to Mr. Edward Ruggles of Cambridge which I entered into on acc't of Said Devotion Legacy to the Town of Brookline

May 24. 1762 Robert Sharp

A true Copy Examined ℘ Isaac Gardner jun'r T. Clerk

Rec'd of Jer Gridley Henry Sewall Isaac Gardner and Thos. Aspinwall Attornies of Mary Gatcomb Executrix of the will of

Edward Devotion late of Brookline the sum of fifteen Pounds & four pence lawful money, for purchasing a Silver Tankard for the Church of ye Town of Brookline according to ye will of Mr. Edward Devotion Dec'd

May 24 1762 Robert Sharp

A true Copy Examined ℘ Isaac Gardner jun'r T. Clerk

March ye 7th 1763 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Assembled

Voted Jer Gridley Esq'r was Chosen Moderator

Voted Isaac Gardner Jun'r Esq'r was Chosen Clerk & Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebeneze. Davis, Isaac Gardner Ju'r Esq'r Capt. Benja. White Mr. Robert Sharp Jun'r and Mr. John Harris Jun'r were Chosen Select Men & Assessors for the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. Thomas Griggs & Mr. John Heath were Chosen Warders for the Ensueing year

Mr. John Heath Sworn as Warder

Mr. Thomas Griggs Sworn as Warder

Voted That the Select Men for this Ensuing year be a Committee to examine the Treasur's and the School Trustee's Accounts & make report next May meeting

Voted To mend the Highways ye Ensuing year by a Rate.

Voted That Mr. Joshua Davis be Surveyor of the highway for the North District. Sworn.

Voted That Mr. Thos. Woodward Jun'r be Surveyor of the Highways for the Middle District Sworn

Voted That Mr. Joshua Woodward be Surveyor of the Highways for the South District Sworn

Voted Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Jun'r & Mr. Samuel Gardner were Chosen Fence Viewers & Sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clark of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker was Chosen Sealer of Leather. Sworn

Voted The Select Men set ye Price of Labour and the number of hours for a Days work on the highways

Voted Wheither the hoggs Run at large ye ensuing year passed in the Negative

Voted That Mr. Nath'l Griggs & Mr. Joseph Woodward be hog reves for the Ensuing year

Voted That. that ye Commttee for laying out & staking ye Road from Mr. Nehemiah Davis' Gate to Roxbury line proceed and make a return of their Doing Next May meeting

Voted Mr. John Goddard is chosen Constable for ye Town of Brookline for the ensuing year and ye Town Voted him Ten pounds for that service he accepted accordingly and was sworn. Meiting adjourned without Day

May ye 19*th* 1763 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Not to send a representative the Ensuing year

Voted Jer. Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To accept the the Committees Report of the the Treasurers Accounts

Voted Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Jun'r Surveyor of ways for the North District (In lew of Mr. Joshua Davis Removed out of Town)

Voted To Raise Forty pounds for the present year

Voted To Raise Money to Defray any Charge or Charges that may, or shall, arise. on account of the Tax Laid on Rents Received.

Voted The SelectMen may Advance any Sum of money that they shall think proper, or Needful to defend a sute of Law, against any Person or Persons, that shall or may Sue for the abatement of their Tax or Rents Received

Voted That the SelectMen of Said town shall dispose of the Goods Belonging to Mr. Joshua Stedman (Dec'd) at a Publick Vendue, and the Town will Indemnify said Select Men thereon.

Voted That the Present SelectMen with Henry Sewall Esq'r and Deacon Joseph White be a Committee to Run and Renew ye Bounds of the Ministerial Woodlot in Needam, and also to take the Care of the Trees that are blown Down in said Lot.

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis, Isaac Gardner Jun'r Erq'r and Mr. Nath'l Seaver be a Committee to dispose of Mr. Obediah Druces Pew

Voted This Meeting be adjourned without Day

June ye 20th 1763. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted That the List of Jurors taken by the Select Men be allowed

Voted That Mr. Caleb Woodward be the Grand Juror for the Ensuing year

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourn'd without Day

March ye 5th 1764. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Selectmen

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis, Isaac Gardner Esq'r Capt. Benjamin White Capt. Robert Sharp & Mr. John Harris Jun'r Chosen Select Men & Assessors for the Ensuing year and Sworn.

Voted Isaac Gardner Jun'r Esq'r Chosen Clerk & Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Thos. Aspinwall Jun'r & Thos. Woodward Jun'r Chosen Wardens for the Ensuing Year Sworn

Voted Leut. Elisha Gardner Chosen Surveyor of ways for the Middle District Sworn

Voted Mr. Elijah Whitney Chosen Surveyor of ways for the North District Sworn

Voted Mr. Timothy Harris Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the South District and Sworn

Voted Henry Sewall Esq'r Leut. Nath'l Seaver and Deacon Joseph White Chosen A Committee to View the Treasurers Accounts & make report at next May Meeting.

Voted Leut. Isaac Winchester & Mr. Samuel Gardner Chosen Fence Viewers and Sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted Mr. Peter Parker Chosen Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Mr. Fra. Blanchard & Jethamiah Thayer chosen Hogreaves Sworn

Voted To Accept Mr. Wm. Davis who offered to serve as Cons'l & Collector the Ensuing year for seven pounds, fifteen shillings. sworn

Voted To mend the Highways in said Town the Ensuing year by a Rate.

Voted That the Select Men for the Ensuing year set the price of Labour & the Number Hours for a Days work to the Highways in said Town

Voted Wheither the Swine run at large the Ensuing year & it pas'd in the Negative.

Voted Wheither the Town will accept the Report of the Committee that had the Dispose of the Pew Belonging to Mr. Obadiah Drace and it past in the Negative

Voted That this meeting be Adjournd without Day

Brookline March ye 1*st* 1764

We the Subscribers Being Chosen by the Freeholders of Brookline at A Meeting in May 1763 to Dispose of a Deserted Pew formerly belonging to Mr. Obadiah Druce Report that Mr. John Goddard Should have the above mentioned Pew he paying to the Town Six Pounds thirteen shilling & four pence for the same.

Nehemiah Davis Nath Sever. Commttee

The above is a true Copy of ye Report Attest;

I Gardner Ju. Tn. Clerk

May ye 28th 1764 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Warn'd

Voted Not to send a Representative the Ensuing year

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r chosen Moderator

Voted Whether the Pew between ye Mens Stairs and the Pew lately belonging to Sam'll White Esq Deceasd has been, disposd of & it Past in ye Negative

Voted Whether the Town will dispose of it & It past in ye Affirmative

Voted Whether the Town will pay back to Mr. Obadiah Drace so much Money the Town Received for the Spot or Space whereon said Pew was built & the Cost of Building the same, and it past in the Affirmative

Voted Whether said Pew shall be dispos'd of by Vendue and It past in the Negative

Voted Does the Town dispose of Said Pew to Deacon Joseph White and to his Heirs forever & it past in the Affirmative

Voted For what Price and it Past for Twelve pounds Lawful Money, Accepted by Deacon White

Voted To Raise the sum of Sixty pounds upon the real & personal Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town to Defray ye necessary Charges of the Town this year

Voted That ye way from Mr. Nehemiah Davis Gate to Roxbury Line as stak'd out by the Towns Committee for that Purpose be Accepted & Recorded

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

March ye 4th 1765 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men.

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis, Isaac Gardner Jun'r Esq'r Capt. Robert Sharp Jun'r Mr. Moses White & Mr. John Harris Jun'r Select Men & Assessors Sworn

Voted To hire a Constable the Ensuing year

Voted To Accept Mr. Wm. Davis as Constable & Collector for the ensuing year who offer'd to serve in said office for the sum of Eight Pounds Lawful money. Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Jun'r Esq Chosen Clerk & Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis & Mr. Samuel Gardner Chosen Wardens. Sworn

Voted Capt. Robert Sharp Mr. John Goddard & Mr. Caleb Woodward Chosen Surveyors of highways Sworn

Voted To mend the Highways the Ensuing year by a Rate

Voted Mr. Elijah Whitney & Mr. Wm. Ackers. Fence Viewers

Voted Mr. Joseph Winchester Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Deacon Clark Clark of the Market

Voted Capt. Benja. White Mr. John Goddard & Mr. Wm. Ackers Chosen a Commit'ee to View the Treasurers Accounts (Town & School) & Make Return at next May Meeting

Voted Mr. Peter Parker & Mr. Nath'l Griggs chosen Hog reaves Sworn

Voted that the Swine do not go at large the Ensuing year

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

May ye 23*d* 1765 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Whether to send a Representative the Ensuing year and it Past in the Negative Unanimously

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd to Tuesday the forth Day of June next at Two o'clock afternoon

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline on Adjournment from May ye 23d to June ye 4th at Two o'Clock afternoon met

Voted To Raise the Sum of Fifty five pounds upon the Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of sd Town to Defray the necessary Charges of the Present year.

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting Without Day.

1766 *March ye* 3*rd.* At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Called

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis, Isaac Gardner Esq'r Major Robert Sharp, Capt. Benjam. White and Mr. John Harris Jun'r Selectmen and Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen, Town Clerk & Treasurer Sworn

March ye 3*rd* 1766.

Voted, Mr. Joshua Boylston & Mr. Caleb Woodward Chosen Wardens the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester Mr. John Goddard Capt. Benjam. White Capt. Elisha Gardner & Mr. Thos Griggs Chosen A Committee to View the Treasurers Accounts the Schools as well as the Towns & Make Report at next May Meeting

Voted Mr. John Heath Surveyor of Ways for the Middle District Sworn

Voted Mr. Isaac Winchester Surveyor of Ways for the North District Sworn

Voted Mr. Isaac Child Surveyor of Ways for the South District Sworn

Voted To mend the Highhways in Said Town the Ensuing year By a rate.

Voted Mr. Benja. Davis Chosen Constable Refused to Serve in Said Office

Voted Mr. Samuel White Chosen Constable Refused to serve in Said office

Voted Mr. Sam'll Aspinwall & Mr. Joshua Woodward Chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Chosen Sealer of Leather

Voted Deacon Clark Clerk of the Market

Voted To shut up the Swine the Ensuing year

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Thursday the Sixth Instant at Two o'Clock Afternoon

March ye 6th 1766 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline on Adjournment from March ye 3rd to March ye 6th at Two o'Clock afternoon then met

Voted Whither the Town will Excuse Mr. Benja. Davis & Mr. Samuel White from Serving Constable the Ensuing year & it pas't in the Negative

Voted Whither the Town will Excuse Mr. Benja. Davis from Serving Constable the Ensuing year & it pass'd in the Affirmative

Voted Whither the Town will Excuse Mr. Samuel White from serving Constable the Ensuing year & it pass'd in the Affirmative

Voted Mr. Aaron White & Mr. Thomas White Chosen Hogreaves for the Ensuing year

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday ye 17th Instant at Two o'Clock Afternoon

March ye 17th 1766 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline on Adjournment from March ye 6th to March ye 17th at Two o'Clock afternoon then met

Voted To hire a Constable for the Ensuing year

Voted To accept of Mr. William Davis as Constable and Collector for the Ensuing year who offer'd to Serve in Said office for the sum of Ten pounds Lawful Money & was Sworn

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

May ye 21st 1766. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Warned

Voted Not to Send a Representative the Ensuing year.

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Raise the Sum of Thirty Pounds on the Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town to Defray ye Necessary charges of the Town this Year

Voted Whether the Town will continue the Keeping of the Grammar School and it Past in the Negative

Voted Whether the Town will abate Joseph Woodwards Rates for the year 1763 and it Passed in the Affermative

Voted Whether the Town proceed with Mr. Robert Williams in a course of Law Respecting Rates for the year 1763 and it Past in the Negative

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

March ye 2nd 1767 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted Five Selectmen

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Isaac Gardner Esq'r Capt. Benja. White, Mr. John Harris, Jun'r and Mr. John Goddard Chosen Selectmen & Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer Sworn

Voted Capt. Timothy Parker & Mr. Gulliver Winchester Chosen Wardens for the Ensuing Year Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Gardner Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the Middle District Sworn

Voted Mr. Thos Aspinwall Jun'r Chosen Surveyor for the North District Sworn

Voted Mr. Caleb Craft Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the South District Sworn

Voted To mend the Highways in said Town the Ensuing year by a Rate

Voted Whether the Town will allow Mr. Nehemiah Davis Account for keeping the Widow Bowen and it past in the Negative

Voted Whether the Town will stand a Suit in Law with Mr. John Boylston, Administrator to the Estate of Zab'l Boylston Esq'r Dec'd on account of Frank Levant a poor Person and it Past in the affermative

Voted Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Jun'r & Mr. Benjamin Davis Chosen Fence Viewers the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Chosen Scaler of Leather

Voted Mr. Ebenezer Sergant Chosen Clark of the Market

Voted Mr. Thomas Kendrick & Mr. Jethaniah Thayer Chosen Hog reaves the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Mr. Wm. Davis Chosen Cons'l & Collector for ye sum of Ten pounds Sworn.

Voted That Capt. Elisha Gardner Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. John Heath be the Committee to View the Treasurers Acc'ts & make Report at next May meeting.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without Day

May ye 25th 1767 At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted To Send A Repesentative for the Ensuing year

Voted Jememy Gridley Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose A Committee to Dispose of the Pew that Belonged to Zab. Boylston Esq'r late of Brooklyn Dec'd

Voted To Choose Five Persons to be of the Committee Viz. Henry Sewall Isaac Gardner Esq'rs Joshua Boylston Leut. Sever & Mr. Jos. Winchester.

Voted To lengthen the Mens Seats in the Front Gallery into the Womens Gallery as far as the Brace Excepting the Foremost Seat.

Voted To Build Two Family Pews one over the Mens Stairs & the other over the Womens Stairs

Voted That the SelectMen & Mr. Gulliver Winchester and Mr. John Harris be the Committee to Dispose of the Spots or Spaces over the Mens & Womens Stairs to Build Pews thereon

Voted Not to open the Grammar School for the Summer Season

Voted To Allow Doctor Kings Account for Administrations to Mrs. Mary Bowen in he Sickness the sum of £1. 5. 2.

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to June ye 12th at 2 o'Clock A. M.

June ye 12th 1767 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from May 25th to June ye 12th at 2 o'Clock A. M then Meet the Question put by the Select Men

Voted Whither this Meeting Shall be Adjournd to a future Day and it pas'd in the Affermitive

(on Account of Jer. Gridley Esq'r In disposition,

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Monday the 29th Day of this Instant June at five of the Clock A. M.

June ye 29th 1767 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from ye 29th of June meet

Voted and the Question put whither this meeting shall be further Adjourn'd for the above Reason Viz Jeremy Gridley's Indisposition to July ye 13th Day at 4 of the Clock in the afternoon and it past in the affermative

July ye 13th 1767 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from ye 29th of June to ye 18th of July meet

Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Moderator

Voted whither the Town will Remove the upper womans shool to the South District and it Past in the Affermative

Voted whether the Town will provide a Room at the Charge of the Town to Keep said Womans School in for the Present and it past in the affermative

Voted Whither the Town will Reconsider the Vote for not Opening the Grammar School for the Summer Season and it past to Reconsider Said Vote

Voted Wheither the Town will Open the Grammar School for the Summer Season and it past in the Affermative To Open Sd School

The Question Put for how Long a Time

Voted For one year

Voted Wheither the Town will Accept of the Committees Report Respecting Viewing the Treasurers Accounts for ye School as well as the Towns and it past in ye Affermative

Voted To Raise on the Polls. Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of Said Town & Non Residents the Sum of One Hundred & Ten Pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges of this Present Year.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd without Day

At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Jeremy Gridley Esq'r Unanimously Chosen Moderator

Voted To Raise on the Polls Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town and the Non Residents the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Voted Whether a Grammar school Master shall be provided for the Middle School throughout the year & it Past in the Negative

Voted Whether said School shall be Kept for Nine Months and it past in the Negative

Voted Whether said School be Kept Sixe Months and it past in the Affermative

Voted Whether the Upper School shall be removed to any other other Place & it past in ye Affirmative

Voted The Question put to what place, and it past to Remove Said School to the South District

Voted Whether the Town will Build a School house for that Purpose & It past in ye Negative

Voted Whether The Town will come into any other way than is usual for the Maintanane of their Poor and it past that the Select Men shall provide for them in the Cheapest and best manner they can.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day.

Decem'r 15th, 1767 At A Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled at the Meeting-house on Tuesday ye 15th of Decemb'r 1767

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted Unanimously That this Town will take all prudent and Legal Measures to promote Industry, Occonimy & Manufactures in this Province & in any of the British American Colonies and will likewise take all Legal Measures to Discourage the Use of European Superfluities.

Voted To Choose Five Persons Viz William Hyslop Esq'r Capt. Benjam. White Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Samuel Aspinwall be a Committee to prepare a form for Subscription against Receiving of those European Superfluities and make Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting to Tuesday the twenty-Ninth Day of Decem'r at two, o'Clock, afternoon.

Decem'r ye 29th 1767. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from Decem'r ye 13th, to Decemb'r ye 29th, at Two o'Clock afternoon then meet

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

The Report of the Committee being Red.

Voted To accept of said Report

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three Persons Viz. Mr. Sam'l Aspinwall Mr. William Ackers and Mr. John Goddard to View the Committees Report to the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town in order for them to Signe if they think propper

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day.

March ye 7th 1768 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja. White Isaac Gardner Esq'r John Harris John Goddard & Thomas Griggs Chosen SelectMen & Assessors for the Ensuing year Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Treasurer Sworn

Voted To Choose a Constable for the Ensuing year

Voted Mr Benja. Davis Choose Constable for the Ensuing year & Refused to Serve

Voted Mr. Gulliver Winchester Choose Constable for the Ensuing year & Refused to Serve

Voted To Reconsider the Vote for Choosing a Constable and to hire one for the Ensuing year

Voted Mr. William Davis Chosen Constable and Collector for the Ensuing year, who offered to Serve Sd Town for the Sum of Ten pounds Sworn

Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. Benja'n Davis Chosen Wardens for the Ensuing Year

Voted Capt. Timothy Parker Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the North District

Voted Mr. John Heath Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the Middle District

Voted Mr. Gulliver Winchester Chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the South District Sworn

Voted To Continue the Grammar School three months Longer

To Adjourn this meeting to March ye 14th at 3 of ye Clock afternoon

March ye 14*th* 1768 At A meeting of Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from March ye 7th, to March ye 14th, at Three of the Clock in the afternoon & then Meet

Deacon Ebenezer Davis Moderator

Voted Messirs; Joshua Boylston Nehemiah Davis Sam'l Davis John Goddard Joseph Winchester & Thos. Woodward Jun'r that they be Sepperated from the Middle District and put into a Sepperate District by themselves for one year to mend the Highways in Saide Town from Vaughns to the Grammar School House & from Mr. Nehemiah Davis House to the Roxbury line their full proportion of work to the Highways as they shall be Assessed by the Assessors.

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis Chosen Surveyor of Ways for the above Seperated District from the Middle District

Voted Capt. Elisha Gardner Mr. Moses White Chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Deacon Elhanan Winchester Chosen Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Mr. William Whitney Chosen Clark of ye Market

Voted That the Select Men be the Committee to View the Treasurers Accounts the School as well as the Towns & make Report next may meeting of the Debt & Credit of Said Town

Voted That William Hyslop Esq'r have the Pew that lately Belonged to Zab'l Boylston Esq'r Dec'd the above Said Hyslop paying as a Consideration for Said Pew the Sum of Twelve pounds to the Town Treasurer.

Voted That the whole or part of the Poor in Said Town that go to any Person or Persons that will Keep them Cheepest

Voted To mend the Highways in Said Town the Ensuing year by a Rate and the Select Men to set the price on Labour & the number of Hours for a Days work &c.

Voted That the Town will be Aiding and assisting the South District in Building a Schoohouse

Voted That said School House be of the same bigness of the Womans School House that is in the Middle District

May ye 19*th* 1768. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted To send a Representative for the Ensuing Year

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Representative and Refused to Serve

Voted Capt. Benjam. White Chosen Representative

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Moderator

Voted That Isaac Gardner Esq'r have a full Discharge as Treasurer to ye Town

Voted That the Committee that Viewed the Above Said Treasurers accounts give said Treasurer a full Discharge on the Towns Treasury Book

Voted Unanimously that the Thanks of the Town be given to Isaac Gardner Esq'r as being Treasurer to Said Town A Number of Years

Voted That the Select Men be Impowered to hire as much Money to Pay off the Rerages in Said Town as they shall think propper.

Voted To Raise the Sum of One Hundred & fifty Pounds on the Polls & Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of Said Town

Voted That Mr. Nehemiah Davis be allowed the Sum of five shillings pr. Week for keeping of the Widow Bowing.

Voted that this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

Sep'r ye 19*th* 1768 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Moderator.

Voted That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money be Raized on the Polls Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of Saide Town and to be aded to the Tax for the Present year in order to pay William Hyslops Esq'r Said Sum which the Select Men Borrowed for Said Town

Voted that this meeting be Adjournd without Day

Sept. ye 21th. 1768 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted William Hyslop Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose a Committee man to Joine the Committee from the Several Towns at Faneuil Hall

Voted that Capt. Benjam. White be the Committee man

Voted that This Meeting be Adjourned without Day

March ye 6th 1769 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Five Select Men

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. John Harris Capt Elisha Gardner Mr. John Goddard & Mr. Thos. Griggs Chosen Select Men & Assessors Sworn

Voted Capt. Benja. White Chosen a Select Man Refused to Serve

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Town Treasurer

Voted Capt. Benja'n White & Capt. Timo. Parker Wardens Sworn

Voted Mr. James Wesson Mr. John Heath Mr. Jos. Winchester & Mr. Daniel Dana Chosen Surveyors of Ways for said Town Sworn

Mr. Thos. Aspinwall Jun'r & Mr. Robert Sharp Chosen Fence Viewers for Sd Town & Sworn

Voted Deacon Eha'n Winchester Scaler of Leather

Voted Mr. Eleaz'r Baker Clark of the Market & Weigher of Bread

Voted Mr. William Davis Chosen Constable & Collector who offered to serve Sd Town for the Sum of Ten pounds and Sworn

Voted Mr. John Goddard, Capt. Benja'n White & Mr Isaac Child Chosen a Committee to View the Treasurers Acc'ts Town & School & make Report at next May meeting

Voted Mr. Isaac Child Chosen School Committee man in the Room of Mr. Nath'l Sever Dec'd

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis, Capt. White Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen a Committee to See if there is any Landing place Belonging to sd Town

Voted That Deacon Ebenez'r Davis & Mr. Thos. Aspinwall have leave to Build Tombs in the Burying place

Voted Aaron Childs & Jacob Sharp Chosen hogreaves Sworn

Voted To mend the Highways in Said Town by a Rate the Ensuing year & the Select Men to set the price on Labour & the Number of Hours for a Days work

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day

May ye 29th 1769. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted To Send a Representative this year

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Representative

Voted Isaace Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose a Committee to give the Representative Instructions Viz. William Hyslop Esq'r Capt Sam'l Craft Isaac Gardner Esq'r Isaac Winchester & Mr. Isaac Child

Voted to give Doctor Eliphalet Downer Four Dollars pr week for Boarding & Nursing Francis Leveaque in his Last sickness 5 weeks.

Voted To Open a Womens school in the middle of the Town

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting to May ye 30th at Six of the Clock in the afternoon

By adjournment to May ye 30th at Six of the Clock in the afternoon the Inhabitants of Sd Town then meet

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted To accept the Committees Instruction to their Representative

Voted to adjourn this meeting to June ye 12th at 3 Clock in ye afternoon.

June ye 12*th* 1769. at an Adjournment of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn at 3, o'Clock in ye afternoon & then met

Voted That this meeting be stil Adjourned to June ye Nineteenth Day of this Instant June at four of the Clock in the afternoon

June ye 12*th* 1769 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator.

Voted That Messirs Isaac Child & Mr. John Goddard Request Respecting their having Spaces or Spots in Some part of the Meeting House to Build them Family Pews (by their Desire their Request is Refered over to ye next annual March Meeting which will be Anno Do. 1770

June ye 19*th* 1769 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on adjournment from June ye 12th to June ye 19th then meet

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted to Raise the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty pounds on the Polls Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town

Voted That Capt. Benja'n White have Liberty to Build him a Tomb for his family in the Burying place in Sd Town provided he diggs at a propper distance from any Tomb or Grave so as not to do them any harm

Voted To Refer over the Committees Report Respecting ye Landing place or places to next March meeting

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

March ye 5th 1770 At A Meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose Three Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Mr. Isaac Winchester & Mr. Isaac Child Chosen Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. William Bowls & Mr. Joshua Woodward Chosen Wardens Sworn

Voted Mr. James Wesson Deacon Elhanan Winchester Mr. Caleb Woodward & Mr. Joshua Boylston Chosen Surveyor of Highways in Sd Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Thomas Aspinwall & Thomas Wyman Chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Gardner & Mr. Robert Sharp Chosen Field-drivers Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Chosen Clerk of the Market

Voted Deacon Winchester Chosen Sealer of Leather

Voted Thomas Aspinwall Jun'r Chosen Surveyor of Wood—Sworn

Voted Fra. Blanchard & Ebenez'r Smith Chosen Hogreaves

Voted Mr. John Goddard Chosen Constable & Collector for Said Town who offered to Serve for the Sum of Ten pounds & was Sworn

Voted Deacon Elha'n Winchester Mr. Thomas Griggs & Thos. Aspinwall Jun'r Chosen a Committee to View the Treasurers Ac'ts

Voted William Hyslop Esq'r Mr. Thos. Aspinwall & Capt. Craft be a Comm'tee to renew the Bounds of the way that adjoins the Marsh

Voted To mend the Highways in Sd Town by a Rate

Voted To Raise the Sum of Fifty Pounds on the Polls Real & Personal Estates in Said Town to mend Said highways the Ensuing year

Voted not to cut any of the Body seats into Pews for mr. Isaac Child or Mr. John Goddard

Voted that the Patician in ye Womans Gallery be Removed back to the mens Seats as formerly and the whole of the Womans front Gallery be cut into Pews.

Voted that the two front womans Seets be cut into two pews, and the Spaces or Spots to Build the Two Sd Pews on be sold for the Sum of one pound four Shillings Each

Voted That Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. John Goddard they & their heirs & assignes for ever have the above Named Spaces or Spots to Build each of them a Family Pews they paying in to the Town Treasury the sum of One pound four shillings Each, for Sd Spaces or spots; they Building the Sd Pews at their own Cost.

Voted not to Discharge Mr. John Goddard from the highways in Said Town On Account of his own privit ways

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without Day

May ye 25th 1770 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted To Send A Representative this Year

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Representative Refused

Voted Capt Benja'n White Chosen Representative Accepted

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Moderator

Voted To Raise the Sum of Ninety Pounds on the Pools Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of Said Town and also to

Raise the Sum of Fifty Pounds to be laid out on mending the High-ways in said Town the Ensuing year Exclusive of the above Ninety pounds

Voted To Choose Collectors to Collect the Highways Rates the Present year

Voted Messers James Wesson Deacon Winchester Caleb Woodward & Mr. Joshua Boylston Chosen Collectors to Collect the Highways Tax

Voted To Adjourn this meeting without Day

Octo'r ye 2d 1770 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Notified

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted Mr. Thomas White Chosen Petty Juror to Serve on the Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day

March ye 4th 1771 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Capt. Benj'n White Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose three Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Isaac Gardner Esq'r & Isaac Child Chosen Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris Chousen Constable but Excused

Voted Mr. Moses White Chosen Const'l but Excused

Voted to hire a Constable for the Ensuing

Voted Mr. Sam'l Gardner Mr. John Harris Mr. Benja'n Davis & Mr. Nehemiah Davis Chosen Surveyor of the Highways in Said Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Joshua Woodward & Mr. Aaron Child Chosen Wardens Sworn

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp & Mr. Thomas Griggs chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Capt. Elisha Gardner & Mr. Joshua Boylston chosen Field Drivers Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Chosen Clark of the Markit Sworn

Voted Deacon Elhanan Winchester Chosen Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Mr. Thomas Aspinwall Jun'r Surveyor of Wood Sworn

Voted Mr. John Goddard Mr. Caleb Craft & Capt. Elisha Gardner chosen to View the Town & School Treasurers Accounts

Voted William King & Thomas White chosen hog-reeves Sworn

Voted To mend the Highways in Said Town by a Rate the Ensuing year

Voted Mr. Stephen Sharp Chosen Constable who offered to Serve for the Sum of Ten Pounds Sworn

Voted That the Select Men be a Committee to View the Old School House & to see if it will quit Cost to Remove it to some other place or pull it down to Rebuild it again & to Look a place or Spot to set or Build a School House on and make Report to the Town next may meeting

Voted That the Sum of Seventy five pounds shall be Raised on the Polls Real & Personal Estates in Order to mend the High way in Said Town the Ensuing year

Voted That Deacon William Bowles have the Sum of thirteen shillings & Four pence pr week for Boarding & Extraordinary Attendance on John Ellis & Elizibeth Chamberlain from March 1770 to the Time of the Above John Ellis Decease

Voted That Mr. John Goddards Request Respecting his High ways be Refered over to Next May meeting and also the Request of the upper part of Sd Town Relative to a School House & School be Refered over

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day.

May ye 23*d* 1771. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted To Send a Representative this year

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Representative

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted wheither Said Town will Keep the Grammar School the year Round & it Past in the Negative

Voted That Mr. John Goddard be Discharged his proportion of Rates to the Highways for the future, on Account of his being at such Cost for maintaining his own passways in Order for his comeing at the Public Roads. Provided he Keep his own Roads in good Repair

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd to ye 13th of June at 6. o'Clock afternoon Past Meridina

June ye 13*th* 1771. At A. Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from May ye 23rd to June ye 13th, and then met at the Meeting House in Sd Town

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Adjourn said Meeting to Capt. Eli'a Gardners House

Voted To Accept the Committees Reports Respecting the Town Treasurers & School Treasurers Accts.

Voted To Raise the Sum of Seventy Five Pounds, on the Polls, Real, & Personal Estates & the Non Residents.

Voted To Raise the Sum of Eighty Pounds on the Polls, Real & Personal Estates & Faculty in Sd Town & Proportion the Non Residents

Voted That Said Town will be aiding & Assisting the Middle District Lying on Sherbun Rode in Building a School House

Voted To Choose a Committee of three Persons

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deacon Elh'n Winchester Capt. Elisha Gardner be the Committee Men

Sept'r ye 9th 1771 At A Meeting, of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted William Hyslop Esq'r Choosen Moderator

Voted That the Town will make Provision for Hanging the Bell, which we understand by Mr. Thomas Boylston he has sent for to England in Consequence of the Order of his Brother Nicholas Boylston Esq'r Latly Deceased; which he the the Said Nicholas has been pleased Generously to Bestow upon Said Town

Voted To Erect a Steeple at the West end of the Meeting house

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three persons Viz

Capt. Benja'n White Isaac Gardner Esq'r and Mr. Isaac Child To Consult with Carpenters and to Know the Cost of Building Sd Steeple and take a Plan of the Same & lay it before the Town at their adjournment

Voted To Choose a Committee to Wait on Mr. Thos. Boylston and Thank him for his Early Care in putting his Brother Nicholas Boylston Esq'r Dec'd Order into Execution; Respecting the above Sd Bell to Sd Town. Committee are William Hyslop Isaac Gardner Esq'rs and Mr. Joshua Boylston

Voted That When the Steeple is finished then the Mens Stairs shall be taken Down and put in the Tower

Voted That this meeting is Adjourn'd to Octo'r ye 7th at Three of the Clock in the after noon

Octo'r ye 7th 1771 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on Adjournment from Sept. ye 9th 1771 to Octo'r ye 7th following then meet

William Hyslop Esq'r Moderator

Capt. Benja'n White Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. Isaac Child Committee Men Report, to the Town that they have Consulted with the Carpenters, as to the of Building Said Steeple, and laid the Plan of the Tower & Steeple before Said Town

Voted That Said Committee Provide Materials to Build Said Tower & Steeple with at the Cost & Charge of said Town

Voted That the Carpenters have their Directions and Instructions from Said Committee in Building Said Tower & Steeple; (and that Said Steeple be not higher than Doctor Boyles. Steeple is)

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day.

January ye 23d 1772 At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted Capt Benja'n White Chosen Moderator

Voted Not to Build a New Meeting House

Voted To Reconsider the Vote for Erecting a Steeple upon the Tower and only to Build a Tower with a propper Top to it

Voted That this meeting be Adjournd without Day

March ye 2d 1772 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned.

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Moderator

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted To Choose Three Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja'n White, Isaac Gardner Esq'r and Mr. Isaac Child Chosen Select Men and Assessors Sworn

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Chosen Town Treasurer but Refused: and afterwards accepted to Serve in said office

Voted To Hire a Constable for the Ensewing year

Voted Mr. Stephen Sharp Chosen Constable and Collector for Said Town who offered to serve in Said office for the Sum of Ten pounds Sworn

Voted Mr. John Heath Mr. Aaron Child Mr. Daniel White and Mr. Abraham Jackson Chosen Surveyors of the Highways in Said Town & Sworn

Voted Mr. Jacob Sharp & Mr. Daniel White Chosen Wardens Sworn

Voted Mr. Joshua Boylston & Mr. Benja. Davis Chosen Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Mr. Robert Sharp and Mr. Abraham Jackson Chosen Field Drivers Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Chosen Clerk of ye Markit Sworn

Voted Deacon Winchester Chosen Sealer of Lether

Voted Capt. Thos. Aspinwall Chosen Surveyor of Wood Sworn

Voted Deacon Wm. Bowles Chosen Surveyor of Boards and Shingles Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris Deacon El'n Winchester & Mr. John Heath a Committee to View the Treasurers Acc'ts the Town & School & Make Report to said Town Next May meeting

Voted Mr. John Goddard Chosen Town Treasurer Refused

Voted Mr. Nehemiah Davis Chosen Town Treasurer Refused

Voted Capt. Elisha Gardner Chosen Town Tresurer Refused

Voted To mend the Highways the Ensuing year by a Rate

Voted To Raise the Sum of Seventy five pounds on the Polls Real & Personal Estates & Faculy of the Inhabitants of saide Town and a proportion on the Non Residents Estates to mend the Highways in Saide Town the Ensewing year

Voted Not to Reconsider the Vote Respecting a Tower & a propper Top

Voted To Build a Porch at the East end of sd Meeting House & carry ye Women's Stairs into ye Same & Make Necessary Repairs

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day.

May ye 25th 1772 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted To Send the Ensewing year a Representative

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Representative

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Continue the Grammar School ye whole of the year

Voted That Capt. Benja'n White Isaac Gardner Esq'r & Mr. Isaac Child be a Committee to Build a Porch at the East end of Said Meeting House & order the Women Staires to be carried into the Same

Voted Not to hire Money for the Purpose aforesaid

Voted That Mrs. Mary Craft have Liberty to Build a Tomb in the Burying Yard under the inspection of a Committee Viz Deacon Davis Deacon White & Capt. Benja'n White

Voted That This Meeting be Adjourned to Thursday the Forth Day of June Next at five o'Clock in ye afternoon.

June ye 4th 1772 At A meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on adjournment from May ye 25th to June the 3d following & then met

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Raise the Sum of Forty Pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges that May arise in Sd Town the Ensewing year

Voted To Raise the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Towards Defraying the Cost of Building & Finishing the Tower

Voted To Provide Stocks for Said Town

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

June ye 9th 1772 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Deacon Ebenez'r Davis Chosen Moderator Refused

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Moderator

The Question then Was Put wheither ye Town will Reconsider their Vote, not to Build a Spire & it Past in the Negative, not to Recon'r

Voted To graint the Spot or Space on which the Weomans Stares Now Stands, To Capt. Benja'n White to Build a Pew thereon, in

Consideration that the Sd Benjamin, Build A Porch at the East End of Said Meeting-house and Carry the Weomans Stares into the Same, and Finish Said Poarch at his own Cost

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the 15th of this Instant June at Five o'Clock in the after noon.

June ye 15*th* 1772 At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn on Adjournment from June ye 9th to June the 15th and then Meet

Capt. Benjamin White Moderator

Voted wheither Said Town will Reconsider the Vote for not Biulding a Spire and it Past in the Affermative, to Reconsider said Vote

Voted wheither Said Town will Build a Spire on the Top of the Tower & it past in the affermative, (to Build one)

Voted To Raise the Sum of one Hundred pounds more on the Real & Personal Estates & Faculty & Non Residents Towards finishing the Tower & Steeple and making Necessary Repairs to Said meeting-house

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day.

Decem'r ye 11*th* 1772. At A Meeting of the Freeholder & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted William Hyslop Esq'r Chosen Moderator

Voted To Choose a Committee to take under Consideration, the Violations & Infringments of the Rights of the Colonists & of this Province in particular; and make Report at the Adjournment of Said Meeting

Voted To Choose 7 Persons for the Above Said purpose Viz. William Hyslop Esq'r, Isaac Gardner Esq'r, Deacon Ebenezer Davis Capt. Benja'n White Mr. Isaac Child Mr. John Goddard & Mr. John Harris

Voted That the a foregoing Committee be a Standing Committee of Communication & correspond with the Town of Boston & any other Towns on the Subject of our Present Difficulties

Voted That the a foregoing Committee gives Instructions to their Representative Respecting the Violation of the Rights of this Province

Voted To Comply with William Hyslop Esq'r Request To Exchange Pews with Said Town the Sd Hyslop paying the Odds, for the New Pew Erected where the Mens Stairs was in Said Meeting House

Voted To Choose a Committee of Three Persons to Estimate the Odds between Esq'r Hyslops Pew & the Towns, New Pew as above mentioned

Voted That Sherriff John. Harris Mr. Joshua Boylston & Capt. Thomas Aspinwall be a Committee & make Report at Sd Meeting the Odds Between The Towns New pew and Esq'r Hyslops Pew

Reported as follows that Esq'r Hyslop if he Exchanges pews with Sd Town then Sd Hyslop Shall pay into the Town Treasurer the Sum of Eight pounds Lawful Money upon which the above Said William Hyslop Esq'r Refused to Exchange Pews with Sd Town on the above Said Committees Report

Voted To Dispose of Said Pew to the Hiest bidder

Voted Not to Comply with the Request of Isaac Gardner, William Hyslop Esq'r & Messers Isaac Child & Caleb Croft for Building Stables or Shedds on the west part of Sd Meeting House Yard

Voted To accept Mr. John Goddards offer for his Pew: the Town paying to him the Sum of one pound Ten shillings which Sd Goddard paid for Building Sd Pew

Voted That all Pews that are Newly Built or may be Building or Exchanging to be under the Same Regulations as former Pews are.

Voted To Choose a Committee of Seven persons to View the Buerying Yard & to see what is proper to be don as to Fencing & Removing the Incumbrances in said yard & make Report at the adjournment of sd Meeting, Then made Choice of the following Persons, V. Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deacon Ebenezer Davis Capt'n Elisha Gardner Capt'n Benjam. White Deacon Jos White Mr. Joshua Boylston & Mr. John Goddard

Voted To abate to ye Hired men that are not Inhabitants in Said Town the Sum Eight Shillings & Eight pence of their Poll Tax for the year 1772 on account of the Extraordinary Charge by Reason of Building & Repairing the Meeting House in Said Town

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Decem'r ye 28th following at three of the Clock in ye Afternoon

Decem'r ye 28th 1772 At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn on adjournment from ye 11th Decem'r to ye 28th following & then met

William Hyslop Esq'r Chosen Moderator

The Town after Receiving the Report of Sd Committee, at Sd Adjournment the Following Votes were pased by the Town unanimously at as full a meeting as Usual Viz.

1t. Voted that the Rights of the Colonists, and this Province in particular as men as Chrystians, & as Subjects, as Set forth in the Said Votes & Proceedings of the Town of Boston, are in the Opinion of this Town well Stated & appear to be founded on ye Laus of Nature Divine Revelation, the British Constitution, and the Charter of this Province

2d. Voted that the Infringment & Violation of those Rights, as also Set forth therein are in the Opinion of this Town great Grievances which this People have for years past been burdened with, and for the Redress of which Petitions & Remonstrances have been made but hitherto in Vain

3d. Voted The Raising a Revennue within this Province by an assumed Power in the Brittishe House of Commons, to give and grant our Money without our Consent & appropriating the Money so Raised for the Support of the Government of the Province and the Payment of the Charges of the Administration of Justice therein so repugnant to the first Principles of a free Constitution and the obvious meaning & Spirit of the Royal Charter of this Province

4th. Voted that an Establishment for the Support of the Govonor of the Province, and the Judges of the Superior Court, &c. (if the latter be already made as we have Just reason to apprehend) to be paid out the Monies raised as aforesaid, independent of the free Gifts and Grants of the Commons of this Province are in the Opinion of this Town leading and alarming Steps towards rendering the whole executive Power independent, of the People, and setting up an despotic Government in the Province.

5th. Voted that the Representative of this Town be and hereby is instructed to exert his utmost Powers and Abilities in the General Assembly with constant Perseverance in promoting such Measures there as will speedily and effectually to Remove these and other intolerable Grievances enumerated in the aforesaid Votes and Proceedings of the Town of Boston

6th. Voted that the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in thus clearly stating our Rights, and holding up so many of our Grievances in one View, have done an acceptable Service to this Town and Province and that the sincere & hearty Thanks of this Town be hereby given to them therefore

7th. Voted, that there be Committee now Chosen to Write to the Committee of Correspondence in Boston and communicate to them a true attested Copy of the foregoing Votes, and also further correspond with said Committee of Boston or any other Towns if they shall think it needful.

then the Town made choice of the following Gentlemen for the purpose aforesaid, Viz William Hyslop Esq'r Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deacon Ebenezer Davis Capt. Benjamin White Messieurs Isaac Child John Goddard & John Harris

Attest. Isaac Gardner Town Cler,

upon a Motion made by William Hyslop Esq'r and others wheither the Town will take under Consideration the Vote that past at the Opening of this meeting; to Dispose of the new pew to the Highest Bidder, the Question being put & it past in the affermative to Reconsider Sd Vote

Voted That William Hyslop Esq'r have the New Pew that is Ereeted where the Mens Gallery Stairs was, provided the Said Hyslop pay into the Town Treasurer the Sum of Eight pounds Lawful Money & Return his former Pew to the Town to be disposed of by them upon which the above Said William Hyslop accepted

Voted That the Disposal of the Pew that did belong to Wm. Hyslop Esq'r be Referred over to Next March Meeting and Like wise the Care of the Burying Yard Refered to Said Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

To the Committee of Communication & Correspondence at Boston

Brooklyn January 4, 1773

Gentlemen,

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town at a meeting Legally assembled upon the 28th of Decem'r last by adjournment, having duly considered a Letter from the Town of Boston, directed to the Select Men of this Town, accompanied with a State of the Rights of the Colonies, and of this Province in particular, as also a List of the Infringments of their Rights to be communicated to this Town, take this Oportunity to Return you our hearty and unfeigned Thanks which was Voted by said Town; for the early Care that you took in clearly and Truly Stating our Rights and Priviledges and making manifest the many and glaring Violations and Infringments there of, which if not speedily prevented must inevitably ruin the Constitution of this Province as Settled by the Charter granted by King William and Queen Mary of glorious Memory, and also that this Town think themselves happy in being always ready to add their Mite to wards with-Standing any arbitrary despotick Measures that are or may be carried on to overthrow the Constitution and deprive us of all our invaluable Rights and Priviledges which are & ought to be as dear or dearer then Life it selfe.

We have inclosed you a Copy of the Votes and Proceedings of the Town so far as we have gone. May he that ruleth in the Kingdom of Men direct all our Counsels, & grant Success to all our Lawful Endeavors, that are or may be taken for the Preservation of the civil & religious Rights & Priviledges, of the Colonies & of this Province in particular. So as that we the Children of so worthy Progenitors may be enabled to transmit to our Children those invaluable Rights & Priviledges, as we had them transmitted to us. they were many times in Trouble on various Accounts, and in their affliction they cryed to God, and he delivered them; and if we their Children follow their Example, may depend upon the same Success they had: which God grant may be the Case with us in our Present Difficulties

We wish all Prosperity to the Town of Boston and may unerring Wisdom direct all her Consultations and Counsels.

We are with great Respect, Gentlemen,
Your Friends and Servants,
In the common Cause of our Country,
William Hyslop per Order
Attest Isaac Gardner Town Cler.

March ye 1*t* 1773. At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warned

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Chosen Moderator

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Town Clerk

Voted To Choose three Select Men.

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Mr. Isaac Child & Isaac Gardner Esq'r Chosen Select Men & Assessors Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris Jun'r Choosen Town Treasurer, Refused

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Choosen, Town Treasurer, Sworn

Voted To hire a Constable for the Ensewing year

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Choosen Constable & Collector for Said Town who offered to Serve in said office for the Sum of Twelve pounds fifteen shillings, Sworn

Voted Capt. Elisha Gardner Mr. Thomas Griggs Mr. Nehemiah Davis & Mr. Caleb Craft Choosen Surveyors of the High-ways in Said Town for the Ensewing Year & Sworn

Voted Leut. James Wesson & Capt. Thomas Aspinwall choosen Wardens for ye Ensewing year. Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker & Mr. Gulliver Winchester Choosen Fence Viewers for the Ensewing Year Sworn

Voted Mr. Joseph Cobwin & Mr. Royal Wood Chosen Field Drivers Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Chosen Surveyor of Board & Shingles Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Choosen Clerk of ye Markit Sworn

Voted Deacon Winchester choosen Sealer of Leather Sworn

Voted Leut. James Wesson Choosen Surveyor of Wood Sworn

Voted Mr. John Harris Mr. John Goddard & Mr. Elhanan Winchester Choosen a Committee to View the Town & School Treasurers Accounts & make Report at Next may meeting of this Debt & Credit of Said Town

Voted John Spear & Thomas Brooks Choosen Hog Reave

Voted that the Sum of Seventy five pounds be Raised on the Polls Real Estates Personal Estates & Faculty of the Inhabitants of Said Town and a proportion on the Non Residents

Voted To Assess the above said Sum in the Town Rate and the persons that are Assessed in the Surveyors List Shall have a

Receipt of the Surveyor for as much as their work comes too, and it shall discharge as much of their Town Rate to the Collector

Voted That this Meeting be adjournd without Day

May ye 12th 1773 At A meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Choosen Representative

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Choosen Moderator.

Voted unanimously, that the Thanks of the Town be given to Capt. Benjamin White for his past Faithful Service (as Representative) in the Great & General Court

Voted To Choose a Committee to give Instructions to the Representative

Voted To Choose five Persons

Voted William Hyslop Esq'r Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deacon Ebenezer Davis Mr. John Goddard & Mr. Nehemiah Davis be Said Committee

Voted Not to Continue the Grammar School the year

Voted To Raise the Sum of two Hundred pounds on the Polls Real & Person Estates & Faculty & the Non Residents to Defray the Necessary Charges of this Present Year

Voted To Choose A Committee of three Persons to Dispose of the Pews that did Belong to Wm. Hyslop Esq'r & Mr. John Goddard

Voted Deacon Ebenezer Davis Mr. Nehemiah Davis & Deacon Joseph White be the Committee for Said purpose

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday ye 24th Instant at four of the Clock in ye afternoon

At A meeting of The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from May ye 12th to ye 24th following then meet

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Receive the Committees Instructions to their Represention

Voted That the Grammar School be under the Care of the Select Men as to the Time when Sd School Shall be opened

Voted that this Meeting be Adjournd without Day

Nov'r ye 26th 1773 At A Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted Capt. Benja White Choosen Moderator

Voted To Chose a Committee

Voted That the Committee of Correspondence of this Town be the Committee with the Addition of Four other Gentlemen Viz Major Wm. Thompson Capt. Elisha Gardner. Capt. Thos. Aspinwall & Leut. John Heath are desired to git all the Intelligence from the Committee of Corrispondence of the Town of Boston Respecting the Landing & Sale of the East India Company's Tea and make Report to the Town at the Adjournment

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd to Decem'r ye 1t at 3 Clock·P. M.

At A meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from Nov'r ye 26th to Decem'r ye 1st following & then meet

Capt. White Moderator

Voted To accept of the Committees Report

Voted that the Town Clerk Transmit a Copy of ye Resolves to the Committee of correspondence for thee Town of Boston

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn from Friday the 26th To Monday the 29th of Nov'r To consider what was propper for this Town to do, relative to the large Quantitys of Tea belonging to the India Company, hourly expected to arrive in this Province, Subject to any American Duty"

1t. The Town came unanimously into the following Resolves Viz. That the Act of the British Parliament imposing a Duty on

Tea, payable in America, for the Express purpose of raising a Revenue, is unconstitutional, has a direct Tendency to bring the Americans into Slavery, and is therefore an Intolerable Grievance.

2ly. That this Grievance which has been so Justly complained of by the Americans, so far from being redressed, is greatly aggravated by another Act, passed in the last Sessions of Parliament for Benifit and Relief of the India Company, permitting them to Export their Teas to America or Forring Parts, free of all custom and Dutyes usually paid in Great Britian, but Subject to the Duty payable in America; thus have the Parliament discovered the most glaring Partialty in making one & the Same Act to operrate for the Ease & Convenience of a Few of the most opulent Subjects in Britian, on the one hand, and for the Oppressions of Millions of Freeborn & moast loyal Inhabitants of America, on the other.

3ly. That the last mentioned Act, can be considered no otherwise than as Subtle Plan of the Ministry to ensnare and enslave the Americans, and that whoever shall be instrumental in carrying the Same into Execution, is in the Judgement of this Towne, an inevitable Enemy to this Country

4ly. That Richard Clark & Son, and Thomas & Elisha Hutchinsons of Boston (who brought themselves into Contempt by their Conduct in the Non Importation Time) and the the other Persons appointed Consignees of the India Company's Teas in Boston, have by their repeated Refusal to Resign their Appointment and send send Back the Said Teas manifested to the full conviction of this Town—their utter Disregard to the Interest and welfare of this their native Country, to which Such unfeeling Wretches are a Disgrace and have discovered the most Sordid Attachment to their private Interest, and have in curred the highest Displeasure of the good People of this Province in general, & of the Inhabitants of this Towne in particular who are determined to afford them not the Least Favour or Protection now that they are become Fugitives from the Just Resentment of their affronted Townsmen

5ly. That we fully approve of the Proceedings, & Resolutions of the Town of Boston on this Alarming Occasion and while we see them Earnestly consenting for the general Liberty of America, Should we fold our Armes & Calmly look on we should be Justly chargeble with the most shameful Supeneness & criminal Neglect —therefore Resolved

6ly. That this Town are ready to afforde all the Assistance in our Power to the Town of Boston, and will hartily unite with them and the Other Towns in this Province to oppose and frustrate this most detestable and dangerous Tea Scheem and every other that shall Appear to us to be Subversive of the Rights and Liberties of America, and consequently dishonorably to the Crown and Dignity of our Sovereign Lord the King.

7ly. That whoever shall hereafter presume to import any Teas into this Province while Subject to the Odius Duty Shall be considered and treated by this Town as an Enemy to his Country

A True Copy Attest Isaac Gardner T. Cler

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

Brooklyn Sept'r ye 28th 1773

Rec'd of the SelectMen of Sd Town the Sum of one pound four Shillings pr a Receipt Bearing this Date in full for my Pew Spot in the Meeting House in Said Town which I do hereby Relinquish & Deliver up to Sd Town

John Goddard

As Witness my Hand

March ye 7th 1774 At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Choosen Moderator

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Choosen Town Clerk

Voted To Choose Three Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Mr. Isaac Child Mr. John Heath. Mr. Heath Refused to Serve & Mr. John Goddard Choosen in his steed

Voted That the Select Men be Assessors Sworn

Voted To Hire a Constable for the Ensewing Year

Voted That Deacon Elhanan Winchester be Constable and Collector for the Ensewing Year who offered to Serve the Town for the Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings & the Town accepted his offer Sworn

Voted That Capt. Benja'n White Choosen Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted Messiers Timothy Cory William Ackers Caleb Craft & Nehemiah Davis Surveyors of the Highways in Said Town Sworn

Voted Messiers Aaron Child Nath'l Meriam Choosen Wardens Sworn

Voted Eleazer Baker Choosen Clerk of ye Market Sworn

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker Surveyor of Boards Sworn

Voted Messiers Aaron Child & Jacob Sharp Fence Viewers Sworn

Voted Messiers Jos: Coburn Abraham Jackson Choosen Field-Drivers Sworn

Voted Capt. Thomas Aspinwall & Mr. James Wesson Choosen Surveyor of Wood Sworn

Voted Deacon Elhanan Winchester Choosen Leather Sealer

Voted John Spear & Ebenezer Bartlett Choosen hogreaves. Sworn

Voted Mr. Gulliver Winchester. Capt. Elisha Gardner. Capt. Thomas Aspinwall Choosen a Committee to View the Treasurers Accounts

Voted That the Sum of Seventy five pounds be Raised on the Polls Real & Personal Estates & Faculty of the Inhabitants of Said Town & a proportion on the Non Residents

Voted wheither Said Town will Abate the Ministers Rates to

Deacon Elhanan Winchester for AD. 1772 & 1773 & for the future & it passed in ye Affermative

Voted That the A foregoing Sum shall be Assessed by the Assessors of Said Town and put in to the Town Rate & the Person or Person, so Assessed, shall have a Receipt from the Surveyor, of the Highways in Said Town. of part or of the whole of his Highway Tax, and it shall pay to the Town Collector as much of his Town Tax, and Said Surveyors shall give Notice to each Person as the Law Directs, and if any Person or Persons shall Neglect to Work (after Notice) the whole or part of his Said Highway Rate or Tax, Then the Surveyors of Said Town are Directed to Work out Sd Delinqueants part or whole in Each of their Districts and said Surveyors shall have an Order upon the Town Treasurer for as much Money as they shall Expend for Said Delinqueants

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day

May ye 18th 1774 At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted To Send a Representative the Ensewing Year

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Unanimously Choosen Representative

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Choosen Moderator

Voted wheither the Prayer of the petition for Keeping a mans Schoole in the Winter Season at the upper end of Said Town, and it past in the Negative

Voted That Two Persons be added to the Committee for Viewing the Treasurers Accounts : Viz Messiers Thos Griggs Elhanan Winchester

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd to June ye 1t—at Five of the Clock in ye Afternoon

June ye 1t 1774. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn on Adjournment from May ye 18th to June ye 1t then met

Isaac Gardner Esq'r Moderator

Voted To Receive the Committees Report as to the Treasurers Acc'ts

Voted To Raise the Sum of one Hundred & Sixty Pounds on the Polls Reall & Personal Estates to Defray the Debt & Charge of Sd Town.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned without Day

July ye 29th 1774 At A Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Choosen Moderator

Voted Thomas Kindrick Dec'd Rates for the year 1772 and for the year 1773 be Abated.

Voted To Hire the Sum of one Hundred & Twenty pounds

Voted That Mr. Thomas Griggs be the Person to hire the above said Hundred & Twenty Pounds on Interest for Said Town & pay the Same to the Town Treasurer

Voted whether the Town will Abate out of the Rates of Thomas Wyman for the year. AD. 1772, his proportion of Charge to wards Building the Tower & Steeple of the Meeting House in Said Town; and it past in the Negative not to allow him any Abatement

Voted That this Town will unite with the other Towns in this Province in every rational and Justifiable measure to recover and maintain our invaided rights and will come into Such Commercial Agreement, as may be Recommended by the General Congress

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Octo'r ye 11th, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon

Sept. ye 1*t* 1774. At A Meeting of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Mett

Voted Major William Thompson Choosen Moderator

Voted To Choose five Persons as Delegates to Appear and Act in behalf of Said Town at a County Convention for Suffolk, to be held at Deadham, the 6th Day of this Instant September; or at any other Convention to which they may be invited.

The Gent'm Committee are as follows Viz. Major William Thompson Capt. Benja'n White Isaac Gardner Esq'r John Goddard & Capt. Thomas Aspinwall

Voted To Choose five Gentlemem as a Committee Viz. Mr. John Goddard Capt. Benjamin White Major William Thompson Mr. Isaac Child & Capt. Elisha Gardner, to Examine into the state of Said Town as to There Milatary preparations for War, in case of a Suden attack from our Enemies, and make Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting

Voted Whether Saide Town will indemnify and save Harmless any Town officers who shall incur any Penalty by refusing to comply with any Requisitions made to them in consequence of the New Acts & Regulations intended to be obtruded on this Province, and it Past in the Affermative to indemnify & save Harmless any Town Officer or Officers

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting to the Eight Day of Sept'r Instant at five of the Clock P. M.

Sept'r ye 8th 1774

Voted That this Meeting Stands Adjournd to Wednesday the 14th of this Instant September at five of the Clock in the Afternoon

September ye 14th Then meet Major William Thompson Moderator

Voted That every article in Said Warrant not Acted upon be refered over to the next meeting

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourn'd without Day.

Sept'r ye 27th 1774 At A Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally meet

Voted Capt. Benjamin White choosen Representative

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Choosen Moderator

Voted To Choose three Persons to draw up Instructions for Their Representative Viz Doctor William Aspinwall Major William Thompson & Mr. John Goddard The Instructions are as follows Viz: Capt. Benjamin White, The Town of Brooklyn having Choosen you to Represent them in a general Assembly to be conveaned at Salem on Wednesday 5th Day of October next, think it necessary to give you the following instructions Viz.

That you firmly adhere to the Charter of the Province and that you Acknowledge no other persons as Counsellors for this province but those who were elected by the General Court in May last, that you reject & disclaime all those who assume to Act as Counellors by mandamus and that in your Representative Capacity you do nothing that can be construed in the least as an acknowledgment of the validity of the late oppressive Acts of Parliament—and as we expect A faithful Adherence to the Charter & Constitution of the Province will soon procure the Dissolution of the House of Representatives we hereby impower you to meet the Deligates from the other Towns in the Province at a provincial Congress to be held at Concord or else where on Tuesday ye 11th of October and in behalf of this Town to act & unite with them in all such measures as shall appeare to you to have a tendency to promote the welfare of this Province and to recover & secure the Just Rights and liberties of America

Voted That the Town do approve of the a foregoing Instructions and that the Town Clerk do deliver an attested Copy of the Same to the Representative

Voted To Choose two Delegates Viz Major Wm. Thompson and Mr. John Goddard to attend in the Provincial Congress, to be held at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October next in conjunction with the Representative of Said Town, we hereby impower you to meet the Delegates from the other Towns in the Province and in behalf of this Town to act & unite with them in all Such Measures as shall Appeare to you to have a tendency to promote the Welfare of this Province and to recover & Secure the Just Rights & Liberties of America

Voted That this Meeting be Adjournd to Octo'r ye 11th at four of the Clock in the After Noon

Then meet & Adjournd, to the 25th Instant at 4 Clock meet & Adjournd to ye 31t Instant at 4 Clock afternoon

Nov'r ye 17th 1774 At A meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally meet

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Choosen Moderator

Voted To see wheither the Town Approve of the Measures that are come into by the Continental Congress and will abide by the same, and it past in the Affermative Unanimously

Voted To see whether the Town will Direct the Constable to pay in the Remainder of the Province Tax which they have in their Hands; as also what they have stil to Collect, into ye Hands of Henry Gardner Esq'r Receiver General, and it past in the Affermative

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting without Day.

January ye 1t 1775 At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted To Send one Delegate

Voted Capt. Benjamin White Choosen Moderator

Voted Capt Benjamin White Choosen Delegate.

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. John Harris & John Goddard Choosen a Committee to give Instructions to their Delegate

Voted To see whether the Town will Indemnify the Collectors that shall pay the Money they have in their Hands of Henry Gardner Esq'r Receiver General, and it past in ye affermative

Voted That the SelectMen be im powered to Borrow the Last years Province Tax Forty four pounds Six shillings & Eight Pence (AD 1774) of Messiers Benja'n White & Joseph Winchester upon Interest untill paid

Voted To Raise the Sum of Forty four pounds Six Shillings, & Eight Pence on the Polls Real, Personal Estates & Faculty & Non Residents.

Voted To Choose a Committee Viz Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. John Harris & Mr. John Goddard to draw up a Subscription Paper.

Voted To afforde Relief to the Town of Boston & Charlestown by Subscription

Voted To Choose three Persons, as a Committee; Viz Mr. John Heath Mr. Samuel Croft & Mr. Thomas White to Receive & carry a bout the Town the above Subscription Paper

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to ye School House

Voted To comply with the Recommendation as set forth by the Continental Congress and Provincial Congress

Voted That a Committee of Five Persons be choosen as Inspectors Viz Capt. Elisha Gardner Doctor Wm. Aspinwall Mr. John Goddard Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. Eleazer Baker; observe that the a bove Vote be Duly Observed

Voted To have a Volenteer Company they to Choose their Officers and each Soldier that will Inlist shall be in titled to four pence as Expence Money each Evening.

Voted To Abate to Mr. William Davis Collector part of his Collection of Rates for AD 1765 part of Joseph Haydens Rates the Sum of £5–17–10

Voted To abates to Wm. Davis John Spears Rates for ye year 1768. 15s. and that he & Family be removed out of this Town forthwith

Voted To Abate to said Davis Thomas Hodleys Rates for part of two years the Sum of £1.. 8.. 4–

Voted To Abate Mr. Stephen Sharp Collector Thos. Hodleys Rates

Voted Adjourn this meeting to ye Punch Bowls Tavern the 17th of this Instant January at 5 Clock P; M:

mett Capt. White Moderator.

Voted That Verbal Instructions be given to the Delegate

Voted to Reconsider the Vote as to Minute men & their pay & it past in the Negative not to heve any

Voted that this meeting be Adjournd to the Grammar Schoole House ye 24th Instant at 6 Clock A, M.

meet Capt. White in ye Chare

Voted That the Committee which carried about the Subscription paper be the Committee to receive the Donations from each person in said Town and see them Delivered into the hands of one or more of the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Boston (The Committee is Capt. John Heath Mr. Samuel Croft & Mr. Thomas White)

Voted To see whether the Town will Establish Mrs. Mary Boylstons Rates During her natural Life at the Sum of two pounds, Eight Shillings pr year and it past in the Negative

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd without Day

March ye 6th 1775. At A meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Choosen Moderator

Voted Isaac Gardner Esq'r Choosen Clerk

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Choosen Town Treasurer Sworn

Voted To Choose three Select Men

Voted Capt. Benja'n White Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. John Goddard Refused to Serve Mr. Thomas Griggs Choosen in his Stede

Voted That the Select Men Choosen Assessors Sworn

Voted To allow the Sum of Two pounds five shillings to Deacon Elh'n Winchester for his Extraordinary Trouble in ye year AD 1774

Voted That Deacon Elhanan Winchester be constable and Collector for the Ensewing year who offer'd to Serve the Town for the Sum of Twelve pounds fifteen Shillings and the Town accepted his offer Sworn

Voted Mr John Coburn Isaac Gardner Esq'r Mr. Gulliver Winchester & Mr. Joseph Winchester Choosen Surveyors of the Highways in Sd Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Aaron Child Mr. Robert Sharp choosen Wardens

Voted Mr. Eleazer Baker choosen Clark of the Markit Sworn

Voted Mr. Caleb Croft Choosen Surveyor of Boards

Voted Mr. Timothy Cory & Mr. Joshua Woodward Fence Viewers

Voted Col Aspinwall Mr. James Wesson Surveyor, of Wood

Voted Mr. Jos. Coburn Mr. Eben'r Bartlet Field Drivers

Voted D'n Winchester Sealer of Leather

Voted Elenzer Smith, coozen Hog Reves & Nath'l Griggs Sworn

Voted To Choose a Committee of Thre to View the Treasurers Accounts; Viz Deacon Ebenez'r Davis, Deacon Elh'n Winchester & Mr. John Goddard

Voted To Raise the Sum of Sixty Pounds, for the Highways in Said Town & to be assessed on Sd Town

Voted whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote respecting Mrs. Mary Boylstons Rate & it past in the Negative. Not to Reconsider Said Vote

May ye 29th, 1775 At A Meeting of ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally Warnd

Voted to Elect one person as a Delegate to meet the Provincial Congress, Appointed to be held at Watertown on wednesday ye 31th of this Inst. may & so from time to time for & During ye term of six Months

Voted Mr. John Goddard Moderator

Voted that Capt. Benja'n White meet ye Congress as Above mentioned

Voted Stephen Sharp Town Clerk in Room of Isaac Gardner Esqr Deceas'd

Voted that Mr. Samuel White Serve as Surveyor in Room of Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deceas'd

Voted To choose two Select Men in addition to those already chosen

Voted that Misseiurs John Goddard & John Harris Sheriff serve as Select men & assessors with the Other Select Men

Voted that a Committee choose to consult with one or more of the Neighboring Towns, in order to prepare a place (where they shall think proper) to move persons infectious with the Small Pox

Voted that Doc'r Downer Coll. Aspinwall Mr. Joshua Boilston to serve as Sd Committee

Voted To Choose a person to serve on the School Committee in Room of Isaac Gardner Esq'r Deceas'd

Voted that Mr. John Goddard serve on the School Committee in Room of Sd Deceas'd

Voted that this meeting Stand Adjournd to this Day 14 nights

June ye 12th 1775 At A Meeting of the inhabitants of Brooklyn on Adjournment from May ye 29th

Voted To Raise £150. L.my to Defray ye Charges of Sd Town the present year

Voted that some method be taken to secure the Incomes of ye Estates Belonging to the Refugees now in Boston which lately belonged to Sd Town

Voted that ye Rents of Sd Estates be paid into ye Hands of ye Selectmen of Sd Town

Voted that ye Sum of Money that was Voted to be Rais'd to mend ye High ways in Sd Town be not Assessed

Voted that this meeting be Adjournd without Day

June ye 5th 1775 At a Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Mr. John Goddard Moderator

Voted to provide some Convenient place to move any Person or Persons that may be infectious with the Small Pox in Sd Town

Voted to Build A House for ye above Mentioned Use

Voted to Build Said house on a farm now Occupied by Docter Downer

Voted that a Committee be Choose Consisting of five persons

Voted that Doc'r Downer. Coll Aspinwall & Messeiurs John Heath Daniel White Gulliver Winchester serve as Sd Committee

Voted that £13: 6s. 8d. be levied by ye Town to build Sd house

Voted that ye Select Men hire Sd Sum of Money

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day

July ye 18*th* 1775 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Meet

Voted that Capt. Benja. White serve for & Represent Sd Town in a Great & General Assembly, to be Convened a Watertown on ye 19th of this instant July

August ye 16*th* 1775 At A meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Warn'd

Voted Not to Elect & Depute any Person to serve for & Represent Sd Town in ye Session & Sessions of ye Great & General Court or Assembly which was Convened at Watertown on ye 19th of July Last for ye Service of this Colony

Dec ye 21*th* 1775. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn Legally Assembled

Voted Mr. John Goddard Moderator

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting Immediately to the School house in ye Middle of Sd Town

Mr. Goddard in ye Chair

Voted as an acknowledgment to the Army for thair Good Services, that Each and Every officer & Soldier Belonging to this Town, who has served in ye Continental Army shall be Excused from paying his Poll Tax as Residents of this Town for this Present Year. and that the assessors be Directed not to Assess the Same Upon Sd Officers and Soldiers, but upon the Estates of the Inhabitants in General

Voted that ye Old School house Lately Occupied by John Andrus Deceas'd be sold at Vendue at this Meeting

Voted Stephen Sharp Vendue Master

the Sd School House Sold to Deac. Elisha Gardner for Forty shillings Lawful money

Voted that this Meeting adjourn without Day

Jan. 31*th* 1776 At. A meeting of ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Brooklyn pursuant to Warrant and Notifycation

Mr. Isaac Child Chosen moderator

Maj'r Wm. Thompson Chosen Clerk for the meeting

Voted that this Town will Raise ten men toward, Reinforcing the Continental army. Conformable with the Resolution of the General Assembly Dated Jan. 19th 1776

Voted that as an Encouragement to Such of the Inhab- of this Town as shall inlist themselves to Reinforce the Continental Army for two, months. and to Enable them to Equip themselves fully for said Service, this Town will Allow and pay to Each man So Enlisting the Sum of forty Shillings. Lawful money upon his producing a Certifycate that he has Joined the army and passed muster, and also, that he is provided with a Good fire arm, Blanket, Bayonet and Cartridge Box. Agreeable to the printed form of the Enlistments.

Voted that Colȯ. Aspinwall Capt. Timothy Cory and Mr. Samuel Craft be a Committee to Enlist Ten of the Inhabitants of this Town for the above Sd Service, and in Case that Number of Inhabitants, Should not Enlist, then to agree with any other persons on the Easiest Terms they Can, not to Exceed the allowance of forty Shillings Each man

Voted that this meeting be adjourned without Day

March 11*th* 1776 At a meeting of ye Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Pursuant to Warrant an notification.

the Hon'l Benj'm White Esq'r Chosen moderator

Voted Stephen Sharp Chosen Town Clerk Sworn

Voted To Choose five Select men

Voted the Hon'le Benj'm White. Esq'r Misseiurs Isaac Child, John Goddard, Thomas Griggs, and Col. Thomas Aspinwall Chosen Selectmen, and Assessors for ye Ensuing Year Sworn

Voted to hire a Constable for ye Ensuing Year

Mr. Elhanan Winchester offers to Serve the Town as Constable and Collector ye Ensueing Year for 15£ the Town accept his offer and make choice of him in Case nobody appears at may meeting to Serve more to ye Content of Said Town Sworn

Voted Mr. Samuel Croft Chosen Surveyor of ye High ways for the North District. Sworn

Mr. Samuel White Chosen Surveyor of ye highways for ye middle District. Mr. Joshua Woodward for ye South District, Mr. Joshua Boylston for ye middle District

Misseiurs Samuel Croft, Moses White Jun'r Chosen. Wardens Eleaz'r Baker Chosen Clerk of ye market Deac. Elisha Gardner Chosen Surveyor of Boards Mr. Ackers and Deacon Elisha Gardner Chosen fence Viewers Sworn

Col. Thomas Aspinwall chosen Surveyor of Wood Mr. Nathan'l Meriam and Mr. Abraham Jackson Chosen Field Drivers.

Voted Mr. Elhanan Winchester Chosen Sealer of Leather

Ye Hon'l Benj'n White Esq'r Chosen Town Treasurer

Royal Wood and Justus Harrington Chosen Hogreaves

Mr. Daniel Dana Deacon Elisha Gardner and Col. Thomas Aspinwall Chosen a Committee to view the Town and School Treasurers accounts. and to make Report of ye Debt and Credit of ye Town at may meeting

Lieu. John Heath Lieu. Caleb Croft and Capt. Timothy Cory. Chosen a Committee of Correpondence Inspection and Safety for ye Ensuing Year

Voted that this meeting be Adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

May 20th 1776 At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Legally meet

Voted to Elect and Depute one person to Serve for and Represent Sd Town in the General Assembly of this Colony the Ensuing Year

Mr. John Goddard Chosen to Serve for and Represent Sd Town in Sd Great & General Assembly

the Hon'l Benj'm White Esq'r Chosen Moderator for Sd Meeting Doct. William Aspinwall, Chosen to Serve on the School Committee in the Room of D'n Davis

Voted to advise the Person, Chosen to Represent this Town in the next General Court, that if the Hon. Congress Should, for the Safety of the American Colonies, Declare them Indepéndant of the Kingdom of Great Briton, that we Sd Inhabitants will Solemnly Engage with our Lives and fortune to Support them in the measure

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned, to the Second Tuesday in august, next, at three of the Clock in ye afternoon

Attest, Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

July ye 9th 1776 Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally meet

Mr. John Goddard Chosen Moderator.

Voted that Six pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence be Giv'n to Each able Bodied Man that will Enlist into the Canadian Service in addition to the Bounty of Seven pounds that is allready Granted by the General Court

Voted That Capt. White Leiut Craft and Leiut. White be a Committee to go to the Several parts of the Town to see what men may be Rais'd for the Cannadian Service, and Report

Voted that this meeting be adjournd to ye 11th of July

July ye 11*th* Meet according to Adjournment

Voted that a further Sum be given to Each man that will Engage in the above mentioned Service, So as to make the above Mentioned Sum 50. Dollars Each man

Voted that Mr. Aaron Child Col. Thomas Aspinwall, Mr. Nath'l Seaver, Mr. John Coburn and Major William Thompson, be a Committee to hire men to Enlist for the above Service.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to hire money for the above mentioned purpos

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to the Day and hour, that the Commanding officer Shall call the whole militia of this Town together

at an Adjournment Thursday July 18th 1776 Maj'r Wm. Thompson chosen moderator, Mr. Goddard being absent by Sickness

Voted that this Town will give Five pounds more in addition to the Bounty Voted at a former meeting, to Every Man who Shall Enlist into the Cannada Service

Voted that the Men Called for from this Town be Draughted with Liberty to take the Bounty or pay the Fine

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

August 19*th* 1776 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn

Mr. John Goddard Chosen moderator

Voted to Raise five Hundred and fifty pound. to defray the charges of the Town the present Year

Voted to Dispose of the Pew which Belong'd to Mr. Isaas Winchester Late of this Town Dec'd

Voted that Mr. Nathaniel Seaver. Deacon Gardner, Capt. Timothy Cory, be a Committee to Dispose of Sd Pew at a Vendue in the Term of one month provided their is no Heirs of Sd Dec'd appear to pay the Charges, Due to the Town from the Estate and from the Heirs of Sd Dec'd

Voted, that Mag'r Wm. Thompson, Capt. Timthy Cory, and Col Thomas Aspinwall be a Committee, to assist the Commition officers of Sd Town in Raising three men

Voted that it be left to ye Discretion of Sd committee in what method to Raise Sd men

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Sept'r ye 23d 1776—At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn

Mr. John Goddard Chosen moderator

Voted to Raise a Sum of money to hire the Quoto of men which this Town is now call'd upon to Raise

Voted—that four pound pr month over and above the Continental pay be paid to Each man that Shall Engage in the Present Service agreeable to a Late act of the General Court

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Attest—Stephen Sharp Town Clark

At a Legally meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklyn Nov. 26th 1776.

The Hon'ble Benjamin White Esqr. was Chosen moderator

The Act of ye General Assembly for Enlisting or compelling a Quarter part of ye Inhabitants (as therein described) to be in readiness to march at a minutes Warning, to reinforce ye Continen-Army, in any of ye united States, and to Serve therein for ye term of three months, being read, and a motion made to appoint a Committee to consider and report forthwith what method is advisable for this Town to take in order to Encourage this Towns Qouto of Men, to Enlist in ye Sd Service Mr. John Goddard, Col. Thomas aspinwall, and Maj'r William Thompson was chosen a Committee for that purpose, who having withdrawn and deliberated an there charge, reported by recommending to ye Town to pass ye following Vote: if approved—to wit

Voted, "That Every able Bodied Man belonging to this Town "who shall Enlist for ye present reinforcement to ye Continental "army, Shall as an Encouragement, receive from this Town, three "pounds per month, in addition to ye wages Allowed by ye General Assembly, from ye time of marching to ye time of discharge, "provided they should march and join the Continental Army, "Either at or near New York or Ticonderoga and if this Encouragement should not induce the Number of men this Town is to "furnish—to Enlist by next Thursday Evening, those Orders of "Men Authorized to appoint this Towns Quota, for that service "may proceed to Draw that Quota, agreeable to Act of Assembly, "that one half of ye money now voted be paid ye men at marching and ye other half on there return and that ye money for this purpose be hired by ye Select Men, and that ye Assessors be Empowered to Assess ye same, in ye same manner other Assessments are made in this Town, at ye next assessment

The above Vote having been read, and proposed passed in ye Affermative—and ye Meeting Dissolved

Feb. ye 5th 1777

A a Legal Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklyn

Mr. Isaac Child Chosen Moderator

Voted that the money which has been paid as a Bounty to Encourage Sd Towns Quota of Men to Enlist in ye Continental Service be repaid by Said Town

Voted that ye Assessors be Impowered and Directed to Assess ye Same at their next Assessment in the Same manner other Assessments are made in this Town

Voted that ye Constable take ye articles that are in ye Hands of ye Committee (as far as they will go) towards paying Henry Hultons Rates for ye year 1774, and if not Sufficient to take as much of ye Rent of Sd Hultons Farm as will make up Sd Deficiency

And the Meeting Dissolved

Feb. ye 18th 1777. at a Legal Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Brooklyn

Mr. John Goddard Chosen Moderator

Voted Unanimously that this Town will Give Twenty four pounds L m. y. over and above ye Bounty offered by the Continent and this State, to Every able Bodied man who Shall seasonably Enlist for this Towns Quota into ye Continental army During ye War or for ye Space of Three years the money to be paid upon Each mans producing a Certificat of having passed muster

Voted that Maj'r William Thompson, Mr. John Heath & Mr. Thomas Griggs be a Committee to hire ye money in behalf of ye Town for ye above purpose and to apply ye same to ye use afore Sd as soon as may be needful and to be accountable to ye Town for ye same

Voted that ye money now Granted be Assessed with ye other assessments now about to be maid and be repaid as soon as Collected

and ye meeting Dissolved

Brookline Sc *Monday March* 17. 1777

The Inhabitants of this Town being this day assembled at the Meeting House, pursuant to a Warrant issued 12th Instant by Mr. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk, and notification given by Mr. Elhanan Winchester Constable, and this being the annual Town meeting, and William Thompson being chosen moderator, the Town proceeded to the Choice of the following Persons to Serve as Town officers for the year ensuing namely.

Town Clerk Mr. Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk—He having served in that office from 29th May 1775 declined Serving then

Town Clerk William Thompson was Chosen Town Clerk Sworn 22nd May

Upon the Questions whether the number of SelectMen for the Year ensuing shall be five or three it was voted that the number be three. and that they be chosen separately—accordingly

Selectmen Mr. Elhanan Winchester was Chosen a Selectman

Mr. John Heath, was chosen a Selectman, who declined Serving —Mr. Elhanan Winchester then declined Serving

Mr. Nehemiah Davis was chosen a Selectman. who declined Serving

Mr. John Harris Jun'r was chosen a Selectman

Mr. Elhanan Winchester was again chosen a Selectman.

Mr. Stephen Sharp was chosen a Selectman who declined serving

The Afternoon being spent, it was moved and voted that this Meeting be adjourned from the Meeting House to the School House immediately, to proceed upon the Business of the Town during this Evening where being met

Fence Viewers Mr. Elisha Gardner and Colonel Thomas Aspinwall were chosen Fence Viewers

Clerk of Market Mr. Samuel Clark was chosen Clerk of the Market

Sealer of Leather Mr. Thomas Griggs was chosen Sealer of Leather.

Wardens Mr. Samuel White and Mr. Joshua Winship were chosen Wardens

Town Treasurer Hon. Benjamin White Esq'r was chosen Town Treasurer

Committee of Correspondence &c a. Mr. Isaac Child, William Thompson, Mr. Samuel Croft, Mr. Elisha Gardner and Mr. John Heath were chosen to be a Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety

Field Drivers Mr. Robert Sharp and Mr. Caleb Gardner were chosen Field Drivers

Hog reaves Mr. William King. Mr. John Spear and Mr. Ebenezer Bartlett were chosen Hog reaves

Surveyor of Boards Mr. Eleazer Baker was chosen Surveyor of Boards

Surveyor of Wood Colo. Thomas Aspinwall was chosen Surveyor of Wood

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Samuel Clark was chosen Surveyor of the High-Ways for the North District

Mr. Elisha Gardner, for the middle District

Mr. Caleb Craft & Mr. Daniel White for the South District

Committee to Examine Acco'ts William Thompson, Mr. Nathaniel Seaver and Mr. Samuel Croft were chosen a Committee to Examine the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and School Treasurer and to make Report of the State of the same at May Meeting

School Committee Mr. John Heath was chosen to be one of the School Committee instead of Deacon Joseph White who has desired to resign

Selectmen Mr. John Harris and Mr. Elhanan Winchester declined serving as Selectmen

The Evening being spent, it was moved and voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 24th of March Instant at One O'Clock afternoon, at the Meeting House, and that those Gentlemen who have been chosen Selectmen and declined serving, be desired to notify the Inhabitants in the several parts of the Town where they respectively dwell, of this Adjournment, and that they urge a general and punctual Attendance in order to compleat the Choice of Town Officers and the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

Brookline Sc *Monday March 24th* 1777

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants at the Meeting House—by adjournment from Monday 17th current

William Thompson being Moderator

Selectmen Mr. Isaac Child was chosen a Selectman

William Thompson was chosen a Selectman

Mr. Isaac Child declined serving as Selectman

Mr. Elisha Gardner was chosen a Selectman

Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen a Selectman

Constable. Upon a motion made, it was voted that the Town will hire a person to serve as constable and Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing, as hertofore practised

Mr. Elhanan Winchester offered to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, for Twelve Pounds in case the Town would make up his last years Premium to Twenty Pounds

The Question being put, whether the Town will make him that allowance it was voted in the Negative.

Selectmen Mr. Caleb Craft declined Serving as Selectman

Capt Thomas White was chosen a Selectman, who declined serving

Mr. Isaac Child was again chosen a Selectman and again declined Serving

Mr. Samuel Craft was chosen a Selectman who declined Serving

Mr. Gulliver Winchester was chosen a Selectman

Constable Upon a motion made, it was voted to reconsider the former Vote relating to Mr. Elhanan Winchester's offer to serve as Constable and Collect- of Taxes

Also Voted that the Town do accept of Mr. Elhanan Winchester's Offer to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes, for Twelve pounds for the Year ensuing, and that he be allowed Five pounds for Extraordinary Services the year past, on Condition of his serving thro' the Year ensuing

Mr. Elhanan Winchester was then chosen Constable

Voted That this Meeting be dissolved

Attest William Thompson Town Clerk

Monday May 26th 1777

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, warned and assembled according to Law

The Selectmen being Moderators

Upon the Question, whether the Inhabitants will choose some suitable Person to represent them in a great and general Court or Assembly to be convened a Boston, on the 28th Instant, it was voted in the affirmative

The Inhabitants then gave in their votes in writing and upon counting the same, it appeared that Mr. Elhanan Winchester had twenty two Votes out of thirty two, he was accordingly declared to be chosen Representative, and being present, accepted that Office —then

Mr. John Goddard was chosen moderator

The Inhabitants of this Town having considered the Resolve of the last Assembly of 5th May, recommending to the several Towns, to instruct their Representatives, in one Body with the Councill, to form a new Constitution of Government. Voted that they do not give their Assent that the Representatives and Councill should form a Constitution but Recommend that a Convention should be appointed by the People for that express Purpose, and that only, as soon as practicable

Mr. Gulliver Winchester having declined Serving as a Selectman

Capt. Timothy Cory was chosen a Selectman for the Ensuing year

Voted, that the Selectmen be Assessors also

Upon the Question, whether the Town will confirm the choice, made at March Meeting, of Mr. Elhanan Winchester, to act as Constable and Collector of Taxes,

Voted in the Affirmative

Voted that the Sum of Fifteen pounds fifteen shillings be paid out of the Town Treasury, to Captain Thomas White, which Sum he advanced and paid as Bounty to three men, namely James Woods, Samuel Marian, and Gershon Hide, who enlisted for this Town's Quota of Militia, and lately marched to the Aid of Rhode Island State.

Upon the Question, whether this Town will allow and pay a Gratuity to John Spear, Caleb Garder, Silas Winchester & William Davis, who enlisted without Bounty and continued in the Army untill the disbanding thereof in December last, voted in the negative

Voted, that the Pew formerly granted to Mr. John Winchester (as ꝑ record May 1, 1718) be sold to compensate and satisfy the Town for Taxes due from the estate and the several Heirs or desendants. of Said Winchester.

Voted. that the aforesaid Pew be sold immediately, and that Mr. John Goddard, the present Moderator, be authorized to to set it up at Vendue, and strike it off to the Highest Bidder. Mr. John Goddard having bid Thirty three Pounds for the aforementioned Pew. and being the Highest Bidder, the Pew was struck off to him.

Voted that Mr. Stephen Sharp be discharged from collecting the following Taxes committed him to collect while Constable. which are now outstanding and he is unable to collect, namely

Elisha Woodward's Tax for	1771		0. 10. 6
. . . Hide	1771		10. 6
Thomas Hoadly	1771		17. 6¾
Jesse Dean	1772		1. 0. 8
Thomas Marian	1772		1. 0. 8
Isaac Winchester	1771	0. 10. 6	
	1772	1. 0 8	
			1. 11. 2
Danforth Winchester	1771	10. 6	
	1772	1. 0. 8	
			1. 11. 2
Widow Mary Winchester	1772		7. 15. 7¼
			£14. 17. 10

which Taxes amounting to fourteen pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence in all, are to stand charged in the Towns Books against the respective Delinquenents, to be collected by some future Collector

Voted to defer raising money for the necessary Charges of the Town, untill next Meeting

The Committee appointed 18th of February last, to pay the Bounty of Twenty Four-pounds granted by the Town to each Man who should enlist. for this Town's Quota, into the Continental Army, reported that by an order of the Selectmen. (dated 27th March last) they received of the Town Treasurer, the Sum of Three hundred & eighty four pounds which they paid to Col: James Wesson by order of Sixteen Men who enlisted into his Regiment. namely, Jeremiah Clark, George Dunlap, Elijah Mills, Charles Winchester, Lambert Smith, Ezekiel Crane, Heny Tucker, Christopher Higby, Hugh McKoron, Oliver Yan, John Burton, John Sinclair, John Hambleton, Nathaniel Rose, John Butler, and Stephen Eldrige The said Committee also laid before the Town the Order signed by those men, with Col. Wesson's Certificate that they had enlisted for this Town and passed Muster, also his Receipt for said Sum; Whereupon it was voted that said Committee had performed their duty, and that they be discharged of the aforesaid Sum of three hundred and Eighty four pounds

Upon motion, voted that the Thanks of this Town be given to Col. James Wesson, for the good Service he has rendered the Town by enlisting the aforementioned Sixteen Men for this town, and that the sum of Six Pounds be paid him as a further acknowledgement for that Service,

Mr. Joshua Boylston and Mr. John Harris drawn to serve as Jurors at a special Court in June next

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest William Thompson Town Clerk

Omitted entering in Course

May 23*rd* Isued a Warrant to Mr. Elhanan Winchester

Constable to warn John White, Jemima White his wife with their child named John, to depart this Town in fourteen days or give Security to the Selectmen to Indemnify and Save the Town free from all charges that may arise by their Residence warned as ℘ Return dated May 25th 1777

Also *May* 23: Issued another Warrant to warn Samuel Wilton Husbandman and Susannah his wife who came 24th of April also Nathaniel Wilton, Elizebeth his Wife with Elizabeth their Child, who came 8th May Instant, all from Cambridge and were admitted by the hon. Benjamin White Esq'r into his late dwelling House, to depart this Town in fourteen days or give Security, as abovementioned

Warned as ℘ return dated 24th May 1777

William Tompson Town Clerk

The following Entry is copied from a Paper received from Mr. Stephen Sharp former Town Clerk . . . Viz

Brookline Jan'y 16*th* 1777

Stephen Knight & Family Viz Mary his wife Mary & Elizabeth his Daughters, warned to depart this Town to ye Town they last resided in Viz Sudbury

And likewise Susanna Amsdel with Jason her Child warned to depart this Town to ye Town she last resided in Viz Framingham

Warn'd by Elhanan Winchester Constable

Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

A True Copy. attest William Thompson Town Clerk

Warned as ℘ return dated January 15. 1777

Brookline June 23*rd* 1777

Mr. John Goddard drawn to serve on the grand Jury for July Court and thro' the Year

Mr. John Coburn and Aaron Child, drawn to serve as Jurors for July Court.

Mr. Samuel Croft, drawn April 1 to serve as a Juror

Mr. John Harris Jun'r Mr. Joshua Boylston drawn May. 26th to serve a Jurors at a Special Court

July 28*th* 1777. William Thompson & Elisha Gardner drawn to serve as Jurors at a Maritime Court to be held 29th

Friday August 15*th* 1777

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to law.

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

On a motion made, voted that a Committee be appointed to Enlist eight men, for this Towns proportion of Militia ordered to reinforce the Northern Army to serve till the end of November next

Voted that the Committee consist of Five Persons

Voted that Capt. Thomas White, Lieut: Caleb Craft, Mr. Moses White Col: Thomas Aspinwall & Mr. Samuel Croft serve on this Committee

Voted that it be left to the Discretion of said Committee to promise such Bounty to encourage eight men to engage in the aforementioned Service, as they shall judge reasonable and proper, and that the Town will abide by and fulfill the Agreement of Said Committee

Voted that the Committee make Report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next the 18th of August at 5 o'Clock afternoon—and was accordingly adjourned

Monday August 18 1777

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants, by adjournment from Friday August 15th

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

The Committee reported that they had enlisted eight Men to serve in the northern Army to the End of November next namely John Mc. Ilvaine, William Davis, John Spear, Benjamin Winchester, John White, Joseph Caswall, William Mc. Ilvaine and Joseph Brown, or Silas Winchester in the room of Joseph Brown, upon the promise of paying Thirty Pounds Bounty to each man whereupon.

Voted that the Town accept the report of the Committee

Voted, that the Sum of Two hundred and forty pounds be hired for the purpose of paying the aforesaid Bounty, and that the Selectmen be empowered to hire the same in behalf of the Town, and to pay the same into the Hands of the Committee for the above purpose, as soon as requisite

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to hire the further Sum of Fifteen pounds, to procure Canteens for those eight men, and to pay the Subsistence of two pence per mile for their Travel to the Army

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest William Thompson Town Clerk

August 18. 1777

Col. Thomas Aspinwall drawn for a grand Jurorr Mr. Gulliver Winchester for a petit Juror at the Superior Court

Also Mr. Isaac Child & Elhanan Winchester for Jurors at a maritime Court

N.B Joshua Boylston & John Coburn Served

Issued a Warrant dated August 7th 1777 to Mr. Elhanan Winchester to warn Ruth Wood to depart this Town, or, give Security to save the Town from all Charges that may arise by her residence

William Thompson Town Clerk

Warned as ℘ Return dated Aug't 27. 1777

September 22: 1777 Mr. Joshua Winship draw for a petit Juror

October 13 : 1777 Mr. Samuel White drawn for petit Juror at the Superior Court to be held 3rd Tuesday of this Month

Monday November 10 : 1777

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law.

Mr. John Goddard chosen Moderator

On a Question, whether the Town will abate the Taxes of David Damon for the year 1776, in consideration of his having paid Taxes in Sudbury his Native place, tho' resident on hire in this Town, that Year—voted in the negative

Voted that Seven pounds eight Shillings and ten pence ¼ part of the Taxes of William Blaney for the Year 1776 be abated to him, in consideration of the Inconvenience and damage arising from the Public Buildings on Sewall's Point being used for Hospitals for the Small Pox, great part of that Year

Voted that this Town will make an Allowance to the rev'd Joseph Jackson their Minister, for the Current year in consideration of the very high prices of the necessarys of Life

Voted that William Thompson, Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Elhanan Winchester be a Committee to consider how much the Town ought to allow Mr. Jackson in regard thereof, and that they be directed to withdraw immediately and make report to this present meeting as soon as they are agreed

The aforesaid Committee having withdrawn for some Time, returned and reported as their Opinion, that it was Just and reasonable for the Town to allow and pay Two hundred and six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to said Rev'd Joseph Jackson, in Addition to his settled sallary, for this present Year, to make up his Salary to three hundred pounds in the whole, for his comfortable Support during the current Year whereupon

Voted that the Town do accept the Report of their Committee respecting the allowance for Mr. Jackson's Support

Voted that the support of Martha Marian requested by Mr. Abram Jackson her Father in Law, be referred to the discretion of the Selectmen

Voted that upon Mr. John Goddard's paying to the Selectmen, thirty three pounds for the pew sold him the 26th of May last, they give him a bill of Sale for the same in behalf of the Town, to be held in fee simple

Voted that the Town will allow and pay Seventy nine pounds four shillings, which Sum was paid by the Militia Oficers of this Town as Bounty to Four Men who enlisted to Serve on the late Secret Expedition.

Voted the Sum of Nine hundred pounds be granted to defrey the necessary Charges of the Town for the Current year and that the Same be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants in just and equitable Proportion

On a Question, whether the Town will choose a new Constable and collector of Taxes, voted in the negative

Voted that this Town desire and direct Mr. Elhanan Winchester their representative to promote an Enquiry into the Causes of the failure of the late secret Expedition

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest William Thompson Town Clerk

November 24. 1777 William Thompson Elisha Gardner & John Heath chosen Jurors for a maritime Court to be held 25th

Thursday January 1 1778

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, warned and assembled according to Law at the Meeting House

Mr. John Goddard chosen Moderator

Voted to adjourn to the School House immediately where being assembled

Upon the Question whether this Town will grant and raise a Sum of Money to be put into the Treasury of this State, for the purpose of redeeming this Town's proportion of of the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, for public Services;

Voted in the negative

Upon the request of Lieut: Caleb Craft, to be refunded the proportion of Taxes he has heretfore paid toward the Bounties Given by this Town to Soldiers, or to be allowed the same Bounty the Town Granted in August last to those Men who went from this Town into the Army for four months, he having been called on at that time to go into the same service, and having procured another person to go in his stead voted in the negative

Upon the Petition of the Singing Society, that they may be allowed to form certain Seats in the front gallery of the Meeting house, into a Pew for their better Accommodation, at their own Expence Voted That the Town will allow the Singing Society leave to form the requested Seats in the Gallery into a Pew for their better Accommodation, they making the desired Alteration at their own Expence; reserving to the Town an absolute Right to alter or dispose of the same, whenever they think proper: the proposed Alteration to be under the Direction of the Selectmen, who are appointed a Committee for that Purpose

Voted that this meeting be adjourned without day

Attest William Thompson Town Clerk

January 12. 1778 Mr. William Ackers & Samuel White drawn as Jurors for a maritime Court to be holden 13th instant

Brookline February 2. 1778

Mr. Joshua Boylston drawn for a grand Juror Mr. Caleb Craft for a petit Juror at a Superior Court to be held 17th Inst.

February 2. 1778 Issued a Warrant to Mr. Elhanan Winchester Constable, to warn Elizabeth Whitney, Oliver Whitney her son and Abigail and Sarah her Daughters to depart this Town in fourteen days or give security to save the Town from all Charges that may arise by their Residence.

William Thompson Town Clerk

Warned as ℘ Return dated Feb'y 5. 1778.

Thursday February 12. 1778

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law at the School House

Mr. John Goddard was nominated & voted. Moderator.

Voted that Lieut Caleb Craft, Lieut Abram Jackson, and Mr. Stephen Sharp be a Committee to hire on the most reasonable Terms they can, at the Charge of the Town, those three Militia Men who are now ordered from this Town to do military Duty in the Town of Boston for three months—also that the same Committee be authorized and empowered, in the same manner to hire whatever men may, by lawful Authority, be ordered upon Military Duty from this Town, hereafter untill the further order of the Town, and that the Committee be allowed a reasonable Reward for their Service

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to receive from the Town Treasurer, or in behalf of the Town to hire such Sum of money as may be necessary to Enable the Committee aforesaid to perform their trust

Voted that Mr. Elhanan Winchester, Representative for this Town in the General Assembly, be directed to enquire by whose order the Barracks on Sewall's Point in this Town are to be employed as Hospitals for inoculating the Soldiers of the Continental Army with the Small Pox; and that he exert himself to cause the same to be put under such Regulations and Restrictions as may tend most effectually to secure the Inhabitants of this Town from the Infection of that Distemper

Voted that the Consideration of the allowance requested of the Town by Lieutenant Caleb Craft and others for extra Military Service and Expence, be referred over to March Meeting

Then the Meeting was adjourned without Day

February 18. 1778 Issued a Warrant to Mr. Elhanan Winchester to warn Colonel Joseph Belcher, Hannah Belcher his wife his Sons William, James, Inglis, and Martin, his Daughters Elizabeth, Martha, Joanna, and Sarah—Mr. Joseph Belcher Jun'r and Lydia his wife, with three male Negro Servants belonging to said Family, named Bung Warwick and Pompey—also Dorothy Holbrook, Ebenezer Holbrook, Rebecca Tarbox, Eunice Munroe, Deborah Belcher, and a Molatta Girl named Susannah Toney to depart this Town in fourteen days or give Security to indemnify and save the Town from all Charge that may arise by means of their Residence

William Thompson Town Clerk

Know all Men by these Presents that I Joseph Smith of Roxbury in the County of Suffolk and State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Gentlemen in Consideration of Five Shillings lawful money paid by William Thompson, Timothy Corey and Elisha Gardner Selectmen for the Town of Brookline in the said County of Suffolk, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said William Thompson Timothy Corey and Elisha Gardner or their successors in said Trust, a certain small piece of Land, Lying and being in said Brookline, for the only Use of a School House, bounded as follows Viz: Southerly twenty feet on the Country Road leading to Newton, Westerly, thirty feet on land of said Joseph Smith, Northerly, twenty feet on land of said Joseph Smith, and Easterly, thirty feet on land of Mr. Joseph Curtis; or however otherwise bounded or Reputed to be bounded: To have and to hold the Same to the said William Thompson, Timothy Corey, and Elisha Gardner, or their Successors in said Trust, to their only proper Use and Behoof Forever, for the use of a School House as aforesaid: And I do covenant with the said William Thompson, Timothy Corey, and Elisha Gardner, or their Successors in said Trust, that I am lawfully siezed in Fee of the Premises, that they are free of all Incumbrances, that I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said William Thompson, Timothy Corey and Elisha Gardner as aforesaid, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said William Thompson, Timothy Corey and Elisha Gardner as aforesaid, forever against the Lawful Claims and demands of all Persons.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of September Anno Domini 1777

Signed Sealed and Joseph Smith and a Seal
delivered in presence
of us, Eleazer Weld
Stephen Williams

Suffolk S.S. Sept'r 22d 1777

The abovenamed Mr. Joseph Smith personally appeared and acknowledged the above written Instrument by him executed to be his free Act and Deed

Eleazer Weld Just: Pe'ce:

Dedham October 15. 1777 Received and entered with the Records of Deeds for the County of Suffolk Lib'o 127 Fol'o 254—

℘ Joshua Henshaw Reg'r

A True Copy, attest William Thompson Town Clerk

Monday March 2. 1778

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House, being warned and assembled according to Law.

The hon'ble Benjamin White Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Moved and voted to adjourn this meeting to the School House immediately, on account of the Severity of the weather where being met the following Persons were chosen Town Officers for the Year Ensuing

Select men and Assessors Hon'ble Benjamin White Esq'r Mr. John Goddard Mr. Elhanan Winchester Mr. Moses White Junior Mr. Samuel Croft

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Robert Sharp for the Lower District Mr. Samuel White for the middle District Mr. Abram Jackson for the South District Mr. Daniel White, for the fourth District

Fence Viewers Colo. Thomas Aspinwall Mr. Samuel Clark

Clerk of the Market Mr. Eleazer Baker

Sealer of Leather Mr. Elhanan Winchester

Field Drivers Mr. Caleb Gardner Mr. James Winchester

Hogreaves Mr. Royal Wood Mr. William King & Mr. Thaddeus Jackson

Surveyor of Wood & Boards Mr. Eleazer Baker

Wardens Mr. Jonathan Dana & Mr. Samuel Clark

Town Treasurer Hon'ble Benjamin White Esq'r

Constable Voted to hire a suitable person to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for this Year

Voted that Thirteen pounds be added to the Premium of Twelve pounds heretofore voted to Mr. Elhanan Winchester, to make up Twenty five pounds, for his Service as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year past.

Voted that the Town will give Forty Bushels of Indian Corn to the Person who will undertake the Office of Constable and Collector of Taxes for this Year, provided he be approved and chosen by the Town

Mr. Jonathan Dana offered himself and was chosen to serve as Constable & Collector of Taxes and sworn

On the Question whether the Town will make Allowance to those who kept and boarded the Poor the year past, on Account of the high prices of Provisions

Voted in the affirmative

Voted to allow Mr. Elisha Gardner ten shillings ꝑ Weed for boarding Elizabeth Chamberlain instead of the Price agreed for, till the year is compleated

Voted to allow Mr. Elhanan Winchester Six shillings ꝑ Week for Mary Bowen's Board, instead of the price agreed for, till her year is compleated

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be given to Mr. John Heath for consenting to board Mrs. Sarah Williams at the price agreed

Voted to allow Mrs. Sarah Sharp nine shilling ꝑ Week for Alex'r McIntosh's Board instead of the price agreed on,

Voted that the Town will purchase an Iron Stove for the Grammar School House, in order to lessen the Expence of Fuel

Voted that William Thompson, Mr. Elhanan Winchester and Mr. John Heath be a Committee to receive the Claims of Lieut. Caleb Craft and others for extra military Service, and lay the same before the Town at their next meeting

Town Clerk Mr. Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk and Sworn

Voted that Doctor William Aspinwall Mr. Joshua Boylston, Mr. Eleazer Baker, Mr. Robert Sharp and Mr. Joshua Winship be a Committee to hire any men that may be ordered from this Town, upon military Duty on the most reasonable Terms they can, whenever they may be called for; The Committee to be allowed a reasonable Consideration for their Service

Committee of Correspondence &c a. William Thompson, Mr. Isaac Child, Capt. Timothy Corey, Mr. Elisha Gardner, and Mr. Stephen Sharp, were chosen to be a Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety for the year ensuing

Voted, that William Thompson, Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Stephen Sharp, be a Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's and School Treasurer's Acco'ts and to lay an account of Particulars before the Town.

Mr. Isaac Child and Capt. Thomas White were drawn to serve as petit Jurors at the Superior Court to be held 3rd Instant

Voted that whenever the Produce of the School Fund shall be insufficient to discharge the Expence of Keeping the School, the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to draw on the Town Treasurer for the deficiency and that the School be continued from this time, provided a qualified School master can be obtained

Then the Meeting was dissolved

Monday April 27. 1778

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Lawfully assembled, at the Meeting House

Major William Thompson was Chosen Moderator.

In Compliance with a recommendation of the Committees of Fourteen Towns in the County of Suffok and Two Towns in the County of Middlesex met in Conference at Dedham on Tuesday the 14th day of April Current

Voted the Major William Thompson, Mr. Nehemiah Davis, and Mr. Isaac Child be a Committee in Behalf of this Town, to proceed to Dedham to meet the Committees of other Towns who may assemble there tomorrow at nine o'Clock, to confer and consult together, upon the Form of Government lately offered to the People of this State for their approbation or disapprobation, and maturely to consider and advise whether the Same is Calculated to Promote, in the best manner attainable, the true and Lasting Happiness of the People of this State, and to secure to them and their Posterity those Just Rights Liberties and priviliges which as a Free People they are entitled to and by the favor of providence have so happy an oppertunity of affecting, also to consider and advise upon any other matter or thing that may concern this Town, County, or State and to report the result of their Deliberations, to this Town at the adjournment of this Meeting or at the next Town Meeting

Upon the petition of Doct'r William Aspinwall for Leave to improve his Dwelling House as an Hospital. for inoculating with the Small Pox

Voted in the Negative

Voted that Mr. Elhanan Winchester, Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcot, and Mr. Samuel Croft, be a Committee to petition to the General Court that the Hospital at Sewall point may be Discontinued

Then the Meeting was Disolv'd

attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Thursday May 21. 1778

at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Col. Thomas Aspinwall was Chosen to Represent this Town in the General Court for the Ensuing year

Maj'r William Thompson was then Chosen moderator of this meeting

Voted that twenty five hundred pounds be raised by a Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants and on the Estates of non-residents, to defray the necessary Expenses of this Town the Current year

Voted that the Grammar School be continued and kept open through the year ensuing, and that whenever the Produce of the School Fund shall be insufficient to defray the Expence of keeping said School, the Selectmen be authorized and impowered to draw on the Town Treasurer for payment of the deficiency, conformable to a vote to that purpose passed the second day of march last

Voted that Maj'r William Thompson, Col. Thomas Aspinwall and Stephen Sharp be a Committee to attain an account of all the charge this Town has ben at in paying Bountys or Extraordinary Wages to those persons who have engaged and Servd or may serve, for this Town as Soldiers in the Continental army, Expiditions & Guards

Upon reading and considering the proposed new form of Government; Voted that the same is not calculated and adapted, to promote and secure in the best manner attainable, the True and lasting Happiness and Freedom of the People of this State that it is essential to a Constitution designed for that most important and desirable End, that a full and express declaration of the Rights of the People, be made a part thereof, and that the Powers of Rulers Should be accurately definend and properly Limited; that as the Form Proposed is almost totally deficient in those respects and imperfect and intricate in many parts, it ought therefore to be rejected, and this Meeting consisting of forty five voters do unanimously and absoluty reject the same

Then the Meeting was dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Thursday Decem'r 3d 1778

At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Lawfully Assembled

Col. Thomas Aspinwall was chosen moderator

Voted that this Town will make an allowance to the Rev'd Joseph Jackson the Currant year, in consideration of of the very high prices of the necessarys of Life

Voted that Maj'r William Thompson Mr. Isaac Child and Mr. Samuel Craft be a Committee to consider how much the Town ought to allow Mr. Jackson in regard thereof, and that they be directed to withdraw immediately and make report to this meeting as soon as they are agreed

The afores'd committee having withdrawn for some time return and report as their opinion, that it is Just and reasonable that the town do allow and pay five hundred and six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to the Rev'd Joseph Jackson in addition to his settled Sallary the Current year Viz from February one Thousand seven hundred and seventy eight to February one Thousand seven hundred and Seventy nine which sum makes up his Sallary Six hundred pounds in the whole—whereupon

Voted that the Town do except their Committee's report respecting Mr. Jackson's Support and that Said sum be assessed at the next assesment

Voted that this meeting be adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

February 9th 1779 Issued a warrant to Mr. Jonathan Dana, Constable to warn Capt. William Cambell, Mary Cambel his Wife, his Sons Daniel and Josiah, his Daughters Mary Sarah and Lucy, Mr. Ebenezer White, Hannah his Wife his Sons Samuel, Ebenezer Joseph and John Loren, his Daughters Ann and Mary Mr. Ithamar Smith and Lydia Smith his Wife—Mr. Andrew Ellis and Mr. Daniel Seaver to depart this Town in fourteen days or give Security to indemnify and Save the Town from all Charge that may arise by means of their residence

Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday March 29th 1779.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the meeting House Warned and assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard was chosen moderator and the Town proceeded to the choice of the following Persons to Serve in their respective offices the Year Ensuing Viz.

Selectmen & Assessors Col. Thos. Aspinwall, Stephen Sharp, Mr. Moses White Mr. Sam'el Craft, & Mr. Benj'm White

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp Sworn

Surveyors of Highways Mr. John Coburn for the Lower district Mr. Benja'n White for the middle District, Mr. Daniel Dana for the South District. Mr. Abij'h Child for the fourth District

Wardens Deac'n Elisha Gardner & Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall

Fence Viewers Mr. Joshua Winship & Mr. Edward K. Wolcot Sworn

Clerk of the market Mr. Eleaz'r Baker Sworn

Sealer of Leather Dec'n Elhanan Winchester

Field Drivers Mr. Sam'el Griggs & Mr. Caleb Gardner

Hogreaves Nath'el Griggs & John Spear

Surveyor of Wood & Boards Mr. Eleaz'r Baker Sworn

Town Treasurer Hon'ble Benj'n White Esq'r

Committee of Correspondence & c't Maj'r Wm. Thompson

Col. Thos. Aspinwall Mr. John Heath Capt. Timothy Corey & Capt. Will'm Campbell were Chosen a Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety for the year Ensuing

Voted that Col. Thos. Aspinwall, Dea'n Elisha Gardner & Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott be a Committee to Examine the claims and Settle in there Opinion what allowance Ought to be made Such Persons as have done Extra military Service and lay the Same before the Town at Our next Town meeting

Voted to allow the Singing Society to Occupy the Seats in the front Gallery, During the Pleasure of the Town, and to allow of such Alterations in the Seats as shall be most convenient for Sd Singers

Voted that Sd alteration be under the direction of a Committee Viz Deac'n Elisha Gardner Mr. Neh'r Davis and Col. Thos. Aspinwall

Voted that the Sum of four hundred pounds be raised in order for repairing the Highways in Sd Town the year Ensuing & that the Assessors be Directed to Assess Sd Sum from the last Valuation, as soon as possible and that the Surveyors See the Work is faithfully done by 15th June at the farthest, and that no man be allow'd the price of a Days work Unless he Labours faithfully Eight Hours agreeble to the Direction of the Surveyor

Voted that Maj'r Wm. Thompson Doc'r Aspinwall and Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott be a Committee to Examine the Town Treasurers & School Treasurers Accounts and lay an account of Particulars before the Town at may meeting

Voted to Hire a Suitable person to Serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes the Ensuing Year

Mr. Jonathan Dana offers to Serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year for forty Bushels of Indian Corn, twenty Bushels to be paid upon his Collecting and paying into the Treasury one half the Taxes the other Twenty when he compleats his Collections

The Town Except his offer and mak choice of him as their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing year

Then the meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

Thursday May 13*th* 1779

At a Meeting of the Freeholder & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at ye meeting House warned & assembled according to Law

The Selectmen being moderators

upon the Question whether the Inhabitants will chuse some Suitable person to serve for & represent them in a great & General Court or assembly to be convened at Boston on ye 26th Instant, it was Voted in the affirmitive

The Inhabitants then Gave in their Votes & upon counting the Same, it appeared that Col. Thomas Aspinwall had twenty three votes out of twenty seven, he was accordingly declared to be chosen Representative and being present he accepted that office

Then Mr. John Goddard was chosen moderator

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the School Treasurer's accounts which they have Compleated, also to accept their report of the State of the Towns accounts so far as they have already been able to proceed therein and that they be directed to compleat the State of the Towns accounts in the most exact manner in their power and to lay it before the Town at the next meeting, also that they consider & report what method they judge most advisable for the Town to Observe hereafter in manageing their Orders and accounts

Voted that the Sum or Sums of money that may be raised to defray the Charges of the Town the Current year. be assess'd at two assessments, & that the assessors assess the the Sum of three thousand pounds on polls Real, & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town and non resident Proprietors & commit ye same to ye Collector by ye 10th of June next

Voted that Mr. Daniel White be Selectman in room of Mr. Benjamin White who declined Serving

Voted to keep ye Grammar School through ye Summer Season provided a Suitable master may be obtained

Voted that the Town pay to Mr. Jonathan Dana twenty Bushels of Indian Corn as soon as it may be obtained towards his Premium for Serving as Constable & Collector for 1778.

Voted to accept the committee's report. Chosen Last Town meeting to examine the claims of Such persons as had done Extra military Duty & had no consideration made

Voted that Capt. Thomas White Lieut. Daniel White Mr. E. Kitchen Wolcott Mr. Ebenezer Davis & Mr. Jonathan Dana be a committee to hire Soldiers until the next Town meeting.

Then the Meeting Desolv'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Wednesday June 30th 1779.

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the meeting House

Mr. John Goddard was chosen moderator

Voted that Capt. Timothy Corey Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Isaac Child Maj'r Will'm Thompson & Mr. Abijah Child be a Committee to hire the number of men the Town is now Call'd upon to raise

Voted that the Selectmen procure Such a sum of money as Said Committee Shall find necessary in order to hire Sd Soldiers and that the Town Treasurer give his Obligation in behalf of the Town for ye Same

Capt'n John Goddard was Chosen to meet a proposed Convention of Deligates from the Several Committees of Correspondence &. c. in this State at Concord on Wednesday the 14th of July next for the purpose of Carrying into Effect the attempt of Appreciating our money—then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler

Brookline Tuesday August 3d 1779

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the meeting House

Capt'n John Goddard was Chosen Moderator

A Copy of the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord being read Voted—That wee approve of the Resolutions of the Convention at Concord, on the 14th of July last, & that wee will Take Suitable measures to carry the Same into Execution

Upon motion made Col. Thos. Aspinwall Mr. Isaac Child, Maj'r Wm. Thompson, Capt'n Wm. Campbell & Capt'n John Goddard, were Chosen a Committee, to regulate the prices of Such articles as are not mentioned in the Proceedings of Said Convention

Maj'r Wm. Thompson was Chosen to represent Said Town in a Convention at Cambridge on the first day of Sept'r next for the Sole Purpose of forming a new Constitution

Voted That this Town will make an allowance to the Rev'd Joseph Jackson for the current year, in consideration of the high Prices of Provisions

Voted that Capt'n John Goddard Col. Thos. Aspinwall & Mr. Wm. Ackers, be a Committee to Consider how much the Town Ought to allow Mr. Jackson & that they withdraw Immediately & make report at this Present Meeting assooh as they are agreed

The af're Said Committee having withdrawn for some time return'd & reported as their Opinion, that it is Just & and Reasonable for the Town to make up Mr. Jacksons Sallary to one Thousand Five Hundred pounds in the whole for his Comfortable Support During the Current year.—whereupon

Voted that this Town do Except their Committees report Respecting the allowance for Mr. Jackson's Support

Voted to Raise the Sum of four Thousand Six hundred & thirty five pounds on the Polls Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town & non-resident Possessors, to Defray the Charges of the Town the current year

Voted that this meeting be Adjourn'd to Monday the 9th Inst at four a Clock in the Afternoon

Monday August 9th 1779

At a meeting of the Inhabitants by adjournment from Tuesday August 3d Capt. John Goddard, moderator

Capt John Goddard was chosen to Represent the Town in the Convention at Concord on the first Wednesday in October next

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to monday the 23d Inst. at four a Clock in the afternoon — and was adjournd accordingly

Monday August 23d 1779

At a meeting of the Inhabitants by adjournment from monday August 9th Capt Goddard moderator

Voted that it be left with the Committee to affix the Prices of Such articles as are not mentioned in the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord, til after the County Convention at Watertown

On a motion made Voted that the article inserted in the warrant Respecting the Pew which the Town Lately sold to Capt. John Goddard, be Referd to some futer meeting

Then the meeting was Adjournd without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday Octo'r 11th 1779

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House — Col. Thom's Aspinwall Chosen Mode'r

Voted that this meeting be adjournd to Jonathan Dana's where being meet, Voted that Maj'r Wm. Thompson, Mr. Isaac Child, Dea. Elisha Gardner, Capt'n Wm. Campbell, & Mr. John Heath be a Committee to hire the number of men the Town is now Call'd upon to Raise to Reinforce the Continental Army for three months

then the meeting was adjournd without Day

Friday Dec'r 31*t* 1779

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Grammar School House

Capt John Goddard Chosen Moderator

Voted that the Town approve & Justifie their Committee Respecting their Proceedings with William Hyslop Esq'r

Upon motion made, Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to Thursday next at two Oclock in the After noon in this Place

Thursday Jan. 6*th* 1780. Meet according to adjournment

Capt John Goddard Moderator—Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to collect the Money Due to the Town, for Soldiers Bounties Traveling Fees &. C.

Then the Meeting was adjournd to monday Sennet at two Clock in the afternoon at this Place

Monday Jan. 17*th* Meet according to adjournment

Capt. John Goddard Moderator Voted that this Town is Satisfied Respecting Mr. Hyslops Residence in great Briton & with the manner of his return

Voted that the Town is Dissatisfied with Mr. Hyslops Conduct Towards the Committee Scince his return

Voted that this meeting be adjournd without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday March 6*th* 1780.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the meeting house warn'd and assembled according to Law

Col. Thomas Aspinwall was Chosen moderator, and the Town Proceeded to the Choice of the following Persons to Serve in their respective offices the year Ensuing Viz

Selectmen & assessors Capt. John Goddard Maj'r Wm. Thompson and Capt'n William Campbell

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Moved and Voted that this meeting be adjournd til tomorrow afternoon at one o Clock in this Place

Tuesday March 7th Meet according to Adjournm't

Col. Thomas Aspinwall Moderator

Constable Deac. Elhanan Winchester offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes the Ensuing year for fifty five Bushels of Indian Corn, the Except his offer and make Choice of him as their Constable and Collector for the year Ensuing

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Ebenez'r Davis for the North District, Mr. Caleb Gardner for the middle District Mr. Gulliver Winchester for the South District Mr. Nath'l Winchester for the New District

Wardens Mr. Joshua Boylston and Mr. David Hyslop

Fence Viewers Mr. Moses White and Mr. Jonathan Dana

Clark of the market Mr. Eleaz'r Baker,

Sealer of Leather Deac. Elhanan Winchester

Field Drivers Mr. James Winchester and Mr. Royal Wood

Hogreaves Mr. Samuel Griggs and Mr. Thaddeus Hide

Surveyor of Wood & Boards Mr. Eleaz'r Baker.

Town Treasurer Maj'r William Thompson Chosen Town Treasurer

Committee of Correspondence. Maj'r Wm. Thompon. Doc'r Wm. Aspinwall and Mr. Isaac Child

Stephen Sharp was Chosen Tithing man.

Voted that Mr. Nehemiah Davis, Mr. Isaac Child, Col. Thos. Aspinwall, Capt'n John Goddard, and Mr. Moses White, be a Committee to Consider, and Settle in their Opinion what is Just and reasonable: for the Town to allow Mr. Jackson for his

Comfortable maintanance and Support for the year to come, as well as what Allowance for the year past, and make report at may meeting

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be given to the Hon. Benj'n White Esq'r for his good Services as Town Treasurer for a number of years past

Voted that the Petition of Mr. Thos. Griggs that the Town would abate his proportionable part of Mr. Jacksons Sallery be refered to Some futer meeting

Voted that the Town give Mr. Jonathan Dana former Collector Sixty pounds Over and above his premium, Provided he Compleats his Collections, and Settles with the Town Treasurer by next May meeting

Voted that Mr. Isaac Child Admin'r to the Est'e of Wm. Davis former Collector upon paying the Sum he has collected, be discharged from all the outstanding Taxes, except any he may be able to Collect hereafter

Voted, that the land in the Town be measured, and the money Spent in measuring the Same be raised by a Tax on Said Land

Voted that Capt. John Goddard, Mr. Isaac Child, and Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall, be committee to see to the measur'g of Said Land

Voted that Maj'r Wm. Thompson, Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall & Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott, be a Committee to Examine the Town and School Treasurers accounts & report at May Meeting

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Cler,

Monday May 15th 1780.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House—the Selectmen moderators

Upon the Question, whether the Inhabitants would Choose Some Suitable Person to represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be Convened at Boston, on the 31st Instant it was Voted in the Affirmative

Then the Inhabitants gave in their Votes and upon counting the Same it appeared that Col. Thomas Aspinwall was Chosen Representative, and it was accordingly Declared,

Then Capt. John Goddard was Chosen Moderator,

The Constitution or form of Government Agreed upon by the Dalegates of the People of the State of Massachusetts Bay, being read, the Meeting was adjournd till two o Clock in the afternoon, then being Meet

It was put to Vote to See if the Town would dismiss Deac. Elhanan Winchester from Serving as Constable and Collector the present year. Voted in the negative

Then the form of Government was taken under Consideration and Assented to as far as the 10th article in Chapter 2d Sect'n 1st Except the following Articles, Viz. the third Article in the Bill of rites Assented to by thirty nine Voters, Eight dissented proposing this amendment, that Every Estate in the Town Should bear an equal Proportion of the Charges that arise in Maintaining the Congregational Minister in that Town where the Estate Lays

The 2d Article in Chapter 2d Sect'n 1st Assented to by twelve, Twenty one for this with this Amendment, Dealing the word Christian and Puting in Protestants

Chapt'r 2d Sect 1st—13th Article Assented to provided the Salaries be not Established while the present War and Scarcity Lasts —because it would require at least a Double Sum for an Honorable Support in Such Times as the Present to what would be necessary in Times of Peace and Plenty and no Provision is made for lessening any Salarys once Established, therefore til the return of Peace and Plenty as before the War, the Salarys Ought to be granted yearily—the grants to be made among the first acts of the Gen'l Court Every year

Then the Meeting was adjournd til to morrow Morning at Eight OClock in this Place

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Tuesday May 16*th* 1780.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from Monday 15th Inst't

Capt. John Goddard Moderator.

Then the Remaining part of the form of Government which has not been Considered was taken Under consideration and Assented to Except the 1st 7th and 10th Articles in Chapt'r 6th to which the following Alterations were proposed. Viz twelve Voters for the 1st Article as it Stands, twenty one for Dealing the word Christian and putting in Protestant — twenty six Voters Accept the 10th Article as it Stands four do not Accept it.

7th Article Assented to with this Alteration, Dealing the word twelve and putting in three, and that Only in time of War, Rebelion or Invasion

Then Col. Thom's Aspinwall, Mr. Caleb Croft. Mr. John Harris Jun'r Mr. Nehem'r Davis, and Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott, were Chosen a Committee to take under Consideration and determine what method Shall be taken to Ascertain the Quantity and Value of the land in Said Town, in order to a more Equatable Assessment thereof, and make report at the next meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjournd to Wednesday Sennet at eight a Clock in the Morning at this Place

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Wednesday May 24*th* 1780

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Said Town by Adjournment from Tuesday the 16th Instant

Capt. John Goddard Moderator

The report of the Committee appointed to take Under Consideration and determin what method Shall betaken to Ascertain the Quantity and Value of the Land in Said Town in Order to a more Equatable Assessment being read was not Accepted

then Voted to adjourn the Meeting til half after two o Clock being Meet it put to Vote to see if the Town would reconsider the Vote pas'd last March Meeting. to measure the Town and Every mans land therein, Voted in the Negative

Voted that Capt. John Goddard, Maj'r Wm. Thompson, Capt. Wm. Campbell, Mr. Caleb Croft, and Col. Thom's Aspinwall be a Committee to View all the land in Town and Prise the Same in Order to a more Equitable Taxation

Voted to Excuse Capt. Goddard from Serving on the Committee for measuring the Town—Voted that Mr. Caleb Croft, Mr. Moses White, and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis be added to Said Comm'te

Voted that the Constable be directed to Collect and pay in one half of the Town Tax to the Treasurer by the 1st Day of Sept'r next and the Other half by the 1st Day Jan. next

Voted that Mr. Jonathan Dana Mr. John Coburn & Mr. Sam'el Clark be a Committee to hire Soldiers

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to hire such Sum of money for and in behalf of the Town, as shall be necessary for the Purpose of hiring Men, or for any other Charges of the Town as he shall be directed thereto by the Selectmen

The Vote being put to See if the Town would Continue the grammar School During the Summer Season. Voted in the Negative—Voted that a Womans School be kept three month. one month in the School House at the Lower End of the Town, one month in the middle of the Town and one month in the School House at ye South part of the Town—Voted to abate Miss Mary Boylstons Taxes which Remain unpaid.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 5th Day of June next in this place

Brookline June 5th 1780. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town by adjournment from Wednesday May 24th

Capt. John Goddard Moderator

Voted that the Town approve of the Proceedings of the

Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safty respecting the Petition of Mr. John Green to the Gen'l Assembly to attain possession of the forfeited Estate of Henry Holton, and that the Town Confirm and approve the reasons and objections the said Committee offerd Said Assembly against the Granting of Said Greens Petition.

Also Voted that the Representative of this Town in the Gen. Court be directed to oppose the Grant of Said Estate, or any part of it to said Green in Consideration of his acct. of Services for the Kings Custom Houses—and that the Committee of Correspond'e be desired to take Such further Steps as they Shall Judge proper in the name and behalf of the Town to prevent the said Green's Obtaining possession of Said Estate, or any part of it

Voted that such Persons as have any Papers relative to Soldiers Milage Travelling Fees &. c. Due to the Town, are Desired to Deliv'r Said papers to the Commttee appointed to Collect said Milage money

Voted that all persons that are Posses'd of any Papers that are Necessary to the Committees making a report of the Debt and Credit of the Town be Desired to Deliver Said papers to the Committee appointed for that Purpose

Voted to abate the Poll Tax Assessed on Mr. Thos. Griggs Sons, John and Joseph; after their Disceas

The Committee appointed 13th March to consider of the most advisable method to be observ'd in Managing the Towns accounts and the Selectmens Orders—report by Reccommending to the town to Pass the foll'g Votes

To the Intent that the Towns accounts may be kept in Regular Order. and that the state of them may be Easaly known at anatime hereafter

Voted that for the futer the Town Treasurer pay no order drawn upon him by the Selectmen, unless the same be presented to him for Payment within fourteen Days from the Date thereof.

That every order paid by the Treasurer be entered Particularly in his Books

That no Constable or Collector of Taxes be permitted to pay any money on account of the Town, to any Person, except the Town Treasurer, unless by his order in writing

That no Constable or Collector shall be Discharged of any sum or Sums of Money he Shall Discount, by virtue of the Selectmens orders, out of any Persons Taxes unless he shall Settle the Same with the Town Treasurer in one month after Such Discount.

That no Constable or Collector be allowed his Premium for Collecting Taxes, unless he Shall pay into the hands of the Town Treasurer, or Settle with him the whole amount of the list or lists of Taxes Committed to him to Collect within the Time fixed in the Warrants, or unless he shall make out and Deliver to the Selectmen an account of the Taxes contained in Such lists that are unsetled, and make it appear to their Satisfaction that he has done all in his Power to Collect the same in which case they may allow a further time for collecting the Same not Exceeding three months, at the End of Which time, he shal Deliver them a new account of Taxes outstanding on every Such respective list, which Shall be by them Laid before the Town at the next Town Meeting for the Town Consideration and Determination thereon

That whenever the Town Shall find it Expedient to pass a Vote; to hire any Sum of Money upon Interest for the Towns use, the Town Treasurer Shall be authorized to receive such moneys and to give Bond or note in the name and Behalf of the Town for the Same, and it Shall be his business to pay off all Bonds or notes given by Himself or predecessors in that Office, or that ben ben heretofore given by the Selectmen and are now unpaid, also to keep a particular account of the Moneys so Borrowed and paid off

That the Town Treasurer be enjoined to keep a Separate Account in his Book, for every Constable an Collector of Taxes, and Shall charge him for the amount of Every Tax List Committed to him to Collect, and Shall give him Credit for all moneys he shall pay in to the Town Treasury, and for all abatements that Shall be made,

That Moneys Voted and levied for any particular purpose Shall not be applied to any other purpose, unless upon any Sudden Emergency it Shall become unavoidable.

That the Town Treasurer shall be held to lay his Books or accounts before the Town at their May Meeting annualy for their Inspection

The Committee appointed the last annual March Meeting to see what method Should be taken in order to enable the Rev'd Joseph Jackson to Support himself and Family for the Present year, report as follows Viz. that he be paid his Salary, in money equal to Produce at the Prices hereafter mentioned, that is, Indian Corn at four Shillings pr. Bushel, English Hay at four Shillings pr. Hundred Wt, good Beef and mutton at four pence pr. pound, and Butter at ten pence pr. pound.

And that a Committee be Chosen to Examine into the prices of the above mentioned articles and report to the Town Treasurer once a month what Sum ought to be paid to make it equal to the aforementioned prices; and that the Treasurer be Desired to make payment of such sums as Mr. Jackson has not Rec'd by way of the Box Each month During the year — and that Mr. Jackson be repaid Such sums as he has been obliged to Expend out of his own Estate in the time pas'd

Voted that the Town do Accept of the report of their Committee Respecting Mr. Jacksons Support and maintenance for the present year.

Voted that Doct'r William Aspinwall, Capt William Campbel and Deac'n Elisha Gardner be a Committee for the purpose Mentioned in Said report

Voted that after Mr. Kingsbury has ascertained the Quantity of Land contained in the Town, and has measured, and deducted the number of acres contained in the Roads and waste Lands, the whole Number of Acres remaining in the Town Shall be Taxed in Every futer Assessment, and in the following manner. Viz. Every man who Shall have his land measured by an able and Sworn Surveyor, and Sworn Chainman, Shal be Taxed for no more than his Proportionable part of Sd Number of rateable Acres according to its value; and the remainder Shall be Tax'd to the other Persons in Proportion as shall be Judg'd proper and Equal by a Committee Chosen for that purpose

Upon a motion the Vote was put to see if the Town would reconsider a Vote pass'd last Town meeting Respecting the abatement of Miss Mary Boylston Rates, Voted in the Affermative

Voted that the Sum of Eighteen thousand five Hundred and twenty nine pounds, be Assessed on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, and Non resident Possessors, and that the same be Collected and Paid into the Treasury by the first Day of Sept'r next

Then the meeting was Desolv'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

July 3d 1780.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House — Maj'r Wm. Thompson was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of Eighteen Thousand three Hundred and Seventy three pounds be Raised on Polls, real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants, and on Non resident Possessors, in addition to the Sum Granted at the last Town Meeting.

Voted that the sum now Granted be Assessed, Collected, and paid into the Town Treasury by the 15th Inst. — and that the Collector be directed to Distrain on Such Persons as do not pay their proportionable part of Said sum by that time

Voted that Doct'r Aspinwall, Mr. Gulliver Winchester and

Deac'n Gardner, be a Committee to go round the Town to see who will Advance Money for the purpose of hireing men for Military Service, and Receive the same and Deliver it to the Treasurer, and that those persons who adv'ce more than thare proportionable part be allowed Interest for the Same.

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to next Thursday Six o Clock afternoon at Mr. Jonathan Dana's.

Thursday July 13*th* 1780

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House, Maj'r William Thompson Chosen Moderator

Voted that Capt White be desired to Issue his Warrant to warn the Training Band and alarm list to meet to Morrow afternoon at five a Clock in this place in order to raise the Remainder of the Town's Quota of Men by draft if they cannot be Raised any other way be fore that time and that Notice be given that such persons as shall not attend the meeting be the first Drafted

Voted that this meeting be adjournd til to Morrow afternoon at five a Clock in this place

Friday July 14*th* 1780. the Inhabitants being meet according to the adjournment — Maj'r William Thompson Moderator.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to go round among the People in the present meeting to see who will advance money for the purpose of hiring Meen — Voted that Doct'r Aspinwall & Dea. Gardner serve on Said Committee, — Voted that Col. Aspinwall Capt. White and Mr. Ackers be a Committee to go round among the People present to see if any Incline' to Ingage to serve as Soldiers for the Town

Voted that this meeting be adjournd to Mr. Bakers immediately where being meet. Voted that the article in the Warrant Respecting Mrs. Sarah Davis's Claim to the Pew Sold by the Town to Mr. John Goddard be refered for the present.

Voted that the Town will not give more than fifteen Hundred pounds pr. Man for the Militia which are Call'd for for three months provided the Town holds the State pay, and thirteen hundred Pounds if the Soldiers holds the States Pay. and that the Committee do not give that sum after next tuesday, and that Mr. Gulliver Winchester, Deac'n Gardner. and Doct'r Aspinwall. be a Committee to hire Sd men in room of the former Committee for that purpose who Decline to Serve in that office

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be given to miss Mary Boylston for three Silver Dollars given by her for the Incouragement of Such Men as Shall Ingage to serve as Soldiers for the Town

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd til next Tuesday Evening seven a Clock at the School House

Monday Sept'r 4th, 1780,

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of Choosing a Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the Common Wealth of Massachusetts and Six Persons to Officiate as Counsellors or Senators for the District of Suffolk

For a Governor —

Thirty three Votes for the Hon. John Hancock Esq'r

For a Lieutenant Governor.

Twenty fives Votes for the Hon. Azor Orn Esq'r
Three for Samuel addams Esq'r
one for the Hon John Pickering Esq'r
one for the Hon Jeremia Powel Esq'r
one for the Hon James Warren Esq'r
one for the Hon Artemas Ward Esq'r

For Persons to be Counsellors or Senators

Fourteen for the Hon. James Bowdoin Esq'r
Twenty five for the hon Jeremia Powel Esq'r
Twenty four for the hon Benjamin White Esq'r

Twenty two for the hon Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Sixteen for the hon John Pitts Esq'r
Twelve for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Ten for hon Sam'el Niles Esq'r
Nine for Increas Sumner Esq'r
Nine for Joseph Palmer Esq'r
Five for John Lowel Esq'r
Five for Benjamin Austin Esq'r
Five for Thomas Cushing Esq'r
Two for Jonathan Medcalf Esq'r
Two for Rev'd Doct'r Wm. Gordon
one for Samuel Addams Esq'r
One for Samuel Austin Esq'r

Voted that Mr. Isaac Child. Mr. Joshua Boylston and Deac'n Elisha Gardner be a Committee to See that Mr. Jacksons Wood is broug't

Voted to raise two thousand pounds for the purpose of repairing the Highways

Voted to adjourn this Meeting til Wednesday Evening Six a clock at Mr. Jonathan Dana's

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Fryday Sept'r 29th 1780

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House Warnd according to Law

Col. Thomas Aspinwall Chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and forty one pounds be raised by a tax on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, and Non resident Possessors for the Purpose of Purchasing Supplys for the Army and that the surplus (if any bee) bee applyed as the Town shall hereafter Direct

Voted that said sum be Assessed, Collected, and paid into the Hands of the Town Treasurer by the 20th of Octo'r next

Voted that Deac'n Elhanan Winchester bee allowed two and a half per cent for collecting the said sum Provided he collects and pays in the same to the Sattisfaction of the Selectmen

Voted that such Persons as Shall pay their proportion of Said Tax by next wednesday be allowed five per cent for the same.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned til next wednesday at five a clock at the School House

Wednesday Octob'r 4th

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants by adjournment from Frydaye Sept'r 29th

Col. Thomas Aspinwall being Moderator.

Voted that those Persons that have not paid their part of the above said Tax be allowed five per. Cent. provided they pay by tomorrow noon

Voted that said Money bee paid to Maj'r Ausgood in Stead of the Towns Proportion of Beef for the Army. at the rate of one Hundred and fifty pounds pr. Hundred Weight agreeable to his Letter Directed to the Selectmen.

Voted that this meeting be adjournd without Day and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday Oct'r 9th 1780,

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the Purpose of Choosing a Representative, conformably to a resolve of the late Convention of the sixteenth of June last,

The Hon. Benjamin White Esq'r was Chosen to Represent Said Town in a great and general Court or Assembly to be holden on wednesday the twenty fifth day of Oct'r current, at the State House in Boston ten O'clock before noon.

Then the Meeting was desolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

December 26th 1780.

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House

Capt'n William Campbell Chosen Moderator

Voted that Capt'n William Campbell, Mr. Jonathan Dana, and Mr. Isaac Child, be a Committee to take under Consideration the Petition of Mrs. Sarah Davis, and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that Dea'n Elisha Gardner, Mr. Isaac Child be a Committee to determin upon some rule for the Settlement of Such Debts as were due from the Town before last march or Since that time, and report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Then the Meeting was adjournd to the School House Immediately—where being meet

Voted that the Sum of Seven Hundred and fifty pounds in Silver money or paper Equivelant be raised in this Town for the purpose of raising Soldiers, or any other use the Town Shall se fit to put it to.—and that said sum be assessed, Collect'd and paid in by the last Day of Jan'ry 1781.

Voted that Mr. William ackers, Mr. Abijah Child and Mr. Isaac Gardner be a Committee to Ingage the Men this Town is call'd upon to raise, to fill up the Continental Army on the most Reasonable terms they can, and report at the next Town Meeting

Voted that the sum of twenty five Thousand pounds be raised for the purpose of procuring the Quantity of Beef this Town is Call'd upon to Supply the Army with

Voted that the sum of twenty five Thousand pounds be Raised for the purpose of Defraying the current Charges of the Town

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd til next Wednesday sennate at two a clock in the afternoon at the Meeting House. and was adjournd accordingly.

Wednesday Jan'ry 3d 1781. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House by adjournment from Tuesday 26th Dec'r 1780, — Capt'n William Campbell the moderator being absent, Maj'r Will'm Thompson was chosen in his room,—Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to the School House Immediately

Then the Meeting was adjournd accordingly

and being Meet according to adjournment

Voted that all Debts due from the Town upon Bonds or notes be paid either in Silver Money or in Paper Currency equivelant thereto at the current exchange at the time of Pament according to the true and Just value of such Debts in Silver Money or paper currency at the Times those Debts were respectively contracted—and that the Selectmen be authorized to allow and Settle all other accounts and demands against the Town according as the same shall appear to them to be just and equitable

Voted that for the futer all accounts and demands against the Town be presented to the Selectmen for payment within three Months from the Time such accounts or demands may respectively become due; and that whosoever shall neglect to present their accounts or other demands against the Town within that term shall be considered as having generously given the amount thereof for the Use and benefit of the Town—and the Selectmen shall not have authority to allow of any accounts or demands nor to draw Orders for payment thereof if delayed beyond that Term

Voted that this meeting be adjourd til to-Morrow afternoon in this place and was adjournd accordingly

Thursday Jan'ry 4th 1781.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjourn- from the 3d Day of Jan'ry current, —Maj'r William Thompson Moderator,

Voted as the Opinion of this Town, that Mrs. Sarah Davis has no right in the Pew sold by the Town to Mr. John Goddard, and that her petition be Dismiss'd.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the Charges of negro Exeter's last Sickness and Funeral if application should be made to them for payment the amount of such expence to be charged to the Estate of Mr. Isaac Winchester Deceas'd if any Such estate remains,

Voted that every Town Inhabitant be authorized to hire any Soldiers to serve for three Years or during the War for this Towns Quota for the Continental Army—and that Every Inhabitant that shall procure a man shall be allowed four Dollars for his Trouble, and that the Town will pay each Soldier who shall engage in that Service as much more than the Publick pay as to make up his Wages to six pounds pr Month during the Time he shall continue in actual Service and that each Soldier be paid sixty Dollars in advance towards his Wages, and shall also be paid whatever shall be due to him from the Town at the end of every six Months, and if not paid within twenty Days after application by themselves or agents then to be allowed ten percent Interest from the Time of application til paid

Voted that in all Futer Town Meetings that the Inhabitants go upon Business in one Hour after the time set, if there is no more than five Voters present

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to Monday next at the Meeting House at two a Clock in the Afternoon and was adjournd accordingly

Brookline Monday Jan'ry 8th 1781. At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by Adjournment from Thursday the 4th Day of Jan'ry current Maj'r William Thompson Moderator

Voted that of the Sum of seven Hundred and fifty pounds Granted the 26th December 1780, to be raised in Silver money, only three Hundred pounds thereof be assessed and paid in, on or before the 31st of January 1781.

Voted that the Town allow and pay to Maj'r William Thompson ten shillings new Emmision per day for the Time spent in the Service of the Town, at the late Convention for for Forming the new Constitution

Voted that the assessors be a Committee to determin on whom the deficient Quantity of Land shall be Taxed agreeable to a Vote passed in Town Meeting 5th June 1780.

Voted that Col. Thom's Aspinwall, Mr. Moses White, Mr. Sam'el Croft, Mr. Caleb Croft, Mr. Isaac Child, Mr. Joshua Boylston, Capt. Timothy Corey, Mr. Caleb Gardner Mr. Nath'el Seaver and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, be a Committee for the purpose of hiring this Towns Quota of men into the Continental Service.

Whereas upwards of Fifty Children belonging to this Town daily attend at School, and a Number of others from the adjacent Town have also been admitted there this season as usual for Several Years past, whereby the whole Number of Scholars is become so great that it cannot be expected the Schoolmaster can teach them all with any Probable prospect of advantage to the Scholars — therefore Voted that Mr. Isaac Reed the present Schoolmaster be directed not to permit the Children from any adjacent Town to come to School, while the number of Scholars belonging to this Town continues so large as to require all his attention to their Instruction,

Then the Meeting was dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

Monday March 5th 1781

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and assembled according to Law—Benjamin White Esq'r being chosen Moderator, the Town proceded to the choice of the following Persons to serve as Town Officers for the year ensuing

Viz

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk, and Sworn

Selectmen and Assessors Benjamin White Esq'r Mr. John Goddard, and Capt'n William Campbell, chosen Selectmen & Assess's

Town Treasurer, Doct'r William Aspinwall chosen Town Treasurer,

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Constable, Mr. Ebenez'r Davis offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collect the Taxes for one penney half penney on the Pound—The Town accept his offer and choose him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the present year.

Surveyors of the Highways Capt'n Corey for the North district, Mr. Caleb Gardner for the midde district, Mr. Gulliver Winchester for the South district, and Mr. Abijah Child for the New district

Fence Viewers Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Moses White

Mr. Eleaz'r Baker Chosen Clark of the Market.

Mr. Elhanan Winchester chosen sealer of Leather.

Wardens Mr. Isaac Gardner and Mr. Samuel Clark

Hogreaves Mr. Samuel Griggs & Mr. Daniel Child, Chosen Hogreaves

Mr. Eleaz'r Baker chosen Surveyor of Boards

Field Drivers Mr. Caleb Gardner & Mr. Samuel Croft chosen Field Drivers

Voted that Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Isaac Child and Col. Thomas Aspinwall be a Committee to consider how much the Town ought to allow the Rev'd Joseph Jackson, for the present year, in consideration of the high prices of the Necessarys of Life, and Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting til half after two o clock this afternoon in this place—being Meet according to adjournment—Voted that the Tax for hiring Soldiers into the Continental Army, be paid in paper Money at the rate of Seventy five paper Dollars for one Silver Dollar, and that the Treasurer be desired to exchange the same for hard Money if needed, Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to Inquire into the Sum of the Taxes on the Ministerial Lot in Needham, and report at the next Meeting,

Voted that Mr. Samuel Croft be desired to take care of the Stock of Arms and ammunition or any other article or articles that belong to this Town,

Voted that Doct'r William Aspinwall, Col. Thomas Aspinwall, and Mr. Nehemiah Davis be a committee to Enquire into the Debt and Credit of the Town, and to Settle all Maj'r William Thompson's accounts against the Town, and any other accounts that have been presented to the Selectmen for Settlement and they choose to refer to said Committee, agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation, and report at the next Town Meeting

(a Vote Previous to the choice of Selectmen and Assessors omitted)

Voted that the Selectmen and Assessors be allowed their Reasonable expences while they are imployed in Town Business

Voted to adjourn this meeting til next wednesday Sennet at one a Clock in the afternoon.

Wednesd'y March 14*th* 1781.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from Monday March 5th at the Meeting House

Benj'n White Esq'r being Moderator

Voted that the Committee Chosen the 5th Inst't to consider what allowance the Town ought to make the Rev'd Joseph Jackson for the present year, take the matter under further consideration and report at the next Town Meeting

Voted to allow and pay Maj'r William Thompson twelve shillings per day, while he Represented this Town in the late Convention for forming the new Constitution

Voted to Raise a sum of Money (on Polls Real, and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and non residen Proprietors) not exceeding twenty five Thousand pounds for defraying the necessary charges of the Town.

Voted that the Vote pas'd the 3d day of Janr'y last Respecting hiring Soldiers into the Continental Army for three years, be Reconsided, and that the Committee be desired to procure the men on the best terms they can

Voted that the Select men be a Committee to Tax the deficient Quantity of Land on those Persons that have not got their Land Surveyed, agreeable to a Vote of the Town Passed the 5th June last

Voted that this Town do approve of the Proceedings of the General Court in Repealing the late Tender Act

Voted to adjourn this Meeting til next Thursday Sennet at one o clock in the afternoon at this Place

Thursday March 22d 1781.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline. by adjournment from Wednesday the 14th March, at the Meeting House—Benj'n White Esq'r being Moderator

Voted that the article in the Warrant Respecting Rev'd Joseph Jacksons Sallary be Refer'd to the next Town Meeting

Voted that the Sum of one Hundred pounds in Silver Money or Paper Money equivelant at the current Exchange, be raised by a Rate for the purpose of Repairing the Highways in this Town the Present year, and that the Surveyors give legal Warning to the Inhabitants to work out the Sum or Sums set against their Names in the Rate List, and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to work out the Sum or Sums whereat they are Assessed in Said List by the first Day of Oct'r next then the Surveyor is to give the List into the Hands of the Collector to collect the Same

Voted that the Town will make Mr. Elhanan Winchester a further allowance of four Hundred pounds old Currency, for his Extraordinary Trouble in warning Town Meetings, and Collecting Taxes the last year

Voted that the article in the Warrant Respecting Raising a Fund for the purpose of Supporting a Congregational Minister in this Town be Refered to the next Town Meeting

Whereas the Assessors have Classed the Inhabitants agreeable to a Resolve Passed the 26th Feb'y last

Voted that Each Class be impowered to Retain in their hands or draw out of the Treasury, their Proportionable part of the last Rate made for the Purpose of hiring Soldiers

Voted that the Valuation for Raising the Sum of money not exceeding twenty five Thousand pounds grantted the 14th Inst't be taken the Second day of april next

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

March 30th 1781.

This Certifyeth that I have Survey'd in the Town of Brookline the Farm of Mr. Isaac Child, in the begining of March 1781, according to my best Skill and Judgment, Joseph Child, and Wm. Winchester. were Chain Men, and Sd Farm Contains Seventy two Acres one Quarter & Seven Rods

Jonathan Kingsbury Jun'r Sur'r

A true Copy. Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 2d 1781.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor. for the common Wealth of Massachusetts, and Six Persons to officiate as Counsellers or Senators for the District of Suffolk, the Inhabitants Brought in their Votes as follows Viz

For a Governor

Twenty nine Votes for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r

For a Lieutenant Governor

Twenty two for Azor Orne Esq'r

Eleven for Samuel Addams Esq'r

For Persons to be Counsellors or Senators
Thirty five for Jeremia Powel Esq'r
Thirty five for John Pitts Esq'r
Thirty four for Jaber Fisher Esq'r
Thirty three for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Thirty two for Benjamin White Esq'r
Twenty four for Increase Sumner Esq'r
Ten for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Two for Samuel Niles Esq'r
one for James Bodwoin Esq'r
one for Ezekel Price Esq'r
one for Joseph Palmer Esq'r

Then Benjamin White Esq'r was chosen Moderator and the Business of the Town was Transacted as follows Viz.

Mr. John Goddard Mr. Isaac Child and Col. Thomas Aspinwall, who were chosen the 5th of March to Consider how much the Town ought to allow the Rev'd Mr. Jackson for the present year Report as follows Viz.

That he be paid his Sallery in the same way and manner that he was paid last Year and that he be allowed Sufficient to pay his House Rent for the last Year.

Voted to accept the Report of the above Committee in Regard to Mr. Jacksons Sallery for the present year

Voted that Capt William Campbell Deacon Elisha Gardner and Mr. Samuel Croft be a Committee to Set the prices on the articles on which Mr. Jacksons Sallery is to be Raised and Report to the Town Treasurer once a Month

Voted that the Sum of twenty four Hundred and twelve pounds which was Received back of the first Beef Tax be appropriated to the purpose of Supporting a Congregational Minister in this Town

Voted that this Town will not allow and pay the Accounts for Supplies to this Towns Company of Melitia. at the time of the allarm in April 1775, then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Friday May 18th 1781

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of Electing some Person to Represent Sd Town in the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at the State House in Boston upon the last wednesday in May—the Select Men being Moderators,

The Inhabitants brough in their Votes for a Representative, and upon counting the same it appeard that Benj'n White Esq'r was Unanimously chosen,

Then Benj'n White Esq'r was Chosen Moderator

Voted that Dea'n Elisha Gardner, Mr. Joshua Boylston, Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Samuel Croft and Col. Aspinwall, be a Committee to consider what method is best for the Town to Take in Regard to providing a House for the Rev'd Joseph Jackson, and Report their opinion thereon, at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted not to Continue the grammar School Through the Summer Season—Voted to Reconsider the Vote Respecting a School and that the grammer School be continued through the Summer

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd till Thursday next at five o Clock afternoon in this place

Thursday May 24th 1781 at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from Friday May 18th 1781. Esq'r White Moderator

The Committee appointed to Consider what method is best for the Town to take, to Provide a house for Mr. Jackson, Report their opinion, that it is best to Refer the matter at present by Reason of the unsettled State of Our Currency

Voted to accept the Report of Said Committee

Voted that the Vote pas'd to keep a Grammar School Through the Summer be Reconsidered. and that two Women Schools be kept—Voted that the Collector Receive the Tax last assessed in Old Money till the first day of July next, and not after that time, then the Meeting was Dissolved.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Thursday May 31*st* 1781,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline—Benj'n White Esq'r was chosen Moderator

Voted to Purchase a piece of land and Build a Ministerial House thereon

Voted that the Sum of two Hundred pounds in Silver Money be Raised for the purpose of Purchasing a Piece of land and Building a Congregational Ministerial House thereon to be paid in Paper Money, Labour, Meterals, or any other Articles, Equal to Silver Money, in the Judgment of a Committee hereafter to be chosen for the purpose of Purchasing Said Land and Building Said House

Voted that Mr. John Goddard, Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall, Mr. Daniel White, Mr. Moses White, and Mr. Samuel Clark be a Committee for the purpose of Purchising Said House Splot & Building Said House

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed to give his Security in behalf of the Town, for any further Sum of Money Necessary for accomplishing Said Ministerial House, or paying for the House plot, when Requested by the Committee above Sd.

and that Sd Committee be impowered to Draw on the Town Treasurer for Such Sum or Sums of Money as Shall be necessary for the same purpose—that any Person who shall advance any Sum of Money towards Building Said House, Shall Receive Six pr cent pr annum for the Same, until Repaid or Discounted in Taxes Rais'd to Defray the Charge of Building Sd House, and all Such Money so advanced Shall be Exempt from paying any Taxes and those who Labour or provide Meterials Shall Receive the Same allowance

Voted that Said House bee two Story High uprite, not Exceeding Eleven Hundred Square feet on the ground,

Voted that the Committee do not purchase more than one Acre of Land for said House Spot, Voted that Said Committee be Directed to account with the Town from time to time as the Town shall se fitt

Then the Meeting was Dissolved,

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

June 18*th* 1781

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Deac'n Elisha Gardner Chosen Moderator

Voted that this Meeting, be adjournd til Wednesday next at five a Clock in the afternoon in this place

Then the Meeting was adjournd accordingly

June 20*th* at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 18th Inst

Deac'n Elisha Gardner Moderator

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Then the Meeting was Dissolved accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

June 29*th* 1781.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and assembled according to Law—at the Meeting House

Mr. John Goddard Chosen Moderator

Voted that the Sum of Six Hundred Silver Dollars be Assessed on Polls, Real and Personal Estates. of the Inhabitants of this Town, and Non resident Possessors, for the purpose of Purchesing this Towns Quota of Beef for the Continental army, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 22d Inst

Voted that Mr. Moses White, Mr. John Coburn, and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis be a Committee to purches Said Beef

Voted that the above Said Sum of Six Hundred Hard Dollars be paid in Six, Monthly payments Viz. the first payment to be made on or before the first Day of July next and the other payments to be made on the first day of each Succeeding Month until the whole Sum is paid

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the aforesaid Committee for the purpose of Setting the Value on paper Money that may be paid in room of Silver Money

Voted that such Persons as do not pay Such Sums of Paper Money, as is in the Judgment of the Committee equal to Silver Money by the time above mentioned, be held to pay Silver Money only

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolv'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

July 3*d* 1781.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and assembled according to Law, at the Meeting House

Voted, Esq'r White chosen Moderator

Voted that the Town Indemnify and clear the Select Men from all charge that may arise by Reason of their not proceeding to Draught a Man out of each Delinquent Class, agreeable to order of Court of the 16th June last.

Voted that all charges that have arisen or may arise in procuring this Towns Quota of Men to serve in the Continental Army for three years, be Assessed on the Town in the same manner. other Town Charges are assessed, provided the Delinquent Classes procure their Deficient Men by the thirteenth Day of July Current.

Then the Meeting was Dissolv'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

July 17*th* 1781.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — Doct'r William Aspinwall chosen Moderator,

Voted that Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Collector be directed to Compleat the Collection of the Tax of Twenty five Thousand pounds Old Currency, and pay the Same to the Town Treasurer, — and that the Treasurer keep the Same until the further orders of the Town, Voted that the Sum of five Hundred pounds in Specie be Assessed on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and Non resident Possessors, for the purpose of Defraying the necessary Charges of the Town

Voted that the Inhabitants of the Town be Classed in Eight Classes in order to procure Eight Men to go to Rhode Island and West point that Each Class be oblig'd to procure one Man and pay him, each one in proportion as shall be determined by the Assessors, and that the Assessors be directed to Assess each Class such a Sum to pay said Man as the Majority of the Class shall Desire — and that one Class be not allowed to hire a man out of any other Class before the twenty second Instant, unless Said Class has Procured a man, and if it shall hereafter appear that any one or more Classes, do not procure a Man and thereby Incur a Penalty, that Said Class shall be excus'd from paying more than the highest price given for any of the Men, if they make it appear to the Sattisfaction of the Town that they have Collected their Money in proper Season, and taken Suitable pains to procure Said Man, and whatever Class shall first procure a Man to go to Rhode island and Inform Benj'n White Esq'r thereof, shall have the benefit of Said man for their Class

Voted that a Record be made in the Town Books of Such Farms as have been Measured agreeable to a Vote of the Town passed June 5th 1780

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

March 21*th* 1782,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warnd and Assembled according to Law—the Hon'el Benj'n White Esq'r chosen Moderator

Select: Men Hon'el Benj'n White Esq'r Mr. John Goddard, and Capt'n Wm. Campbell were chosen Select: Men

Assessors the Select-men chosen Assessors and Sworn

Fence Viewers, Mr. Wm. Ackers and Mr. Moses White chosen Fence Viewers

Mr. Eleaz'r Baker chosen clark of the Market

Mr. Elhanan Winchester chosen Sealer of Leather,

Mr. Daniel Child Surveyor of Wood and Boards,

Field Drivers Mr. Thaddeus Jackson, and Mr. Caleb Gardner Field Drivers

Wardens, Deacon Elisha Gardner, and Mr. Samuel Griggs Wardens

Mr. Thaddeus-Hide & Mr. Nath'el Griggs chosen Hogreaves

Voted to pay the Sum of Money due from this Town to Mr. Samuel Croft, on Bond, according to the Value thereof in hard Money at the several times it was Rec'd agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation

Voted that the Sum of fifty Pounds be raised by a Tax on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and on Non-resident Possessors, for the Purpose of Repairing the Highways in this Town, the Present year

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd til two o clock this afternoon in this Place, the Inhabitants being meet

Voted that the Vote Pas'd in the forenoon, in Regard to raising Fifty Pounds to repair the highways, be Reconsidered and that in Stead thereof the Sum of Seventy Pounds be raised for Said Purpose

Voted that those Persons that did not work out the Sum or Sums, Set against their Names in the Highway list: be warnd to work out Said Sum or Sums this Present year

Surveyors of Highways Capt'n Corey chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District, Mr. John Heath for the middle District, Mr. Caleb Craft for the South District, and Mr. Nath'el Winchester for the New District

Voted that Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Collector be directed to Return the list of the Highway Rate into the Assessors hands.

Voted to allow and pay Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Collector, three pence on the Pound, for his Service as Collector the last year—Voted to allow, and Pay Mr.—Mans Account and Mr. Aaron Child's Account for Supplies to this Towns Company of Militia, at the time of the alarm in April 1775,

Voted that the Sum of two Hundred pounds be Raised by a Tax on Polls Real and Personal Estates, of the Inhabitants of this Town, and on Non resident Possessors, for the purpose of Building this Towns Ministerial House

Voted that the Town hire Mr. Samuel Craft's House for one year for the Rev'd Joseph Jackson

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to agree with Mr. Craft for his House for one year for the Rev'd Mr. Jackson

Inspectors of accounts Voted. that Wm. Hyslop Esq'r Mr. Caleb Craft, and Capt. Cook, be a Committee to View the Town Treasurers Accounts, and the Committees accounts for Purchasing Beef, and Report at next May Meeting

Constable & Collector of Taxes Voted, to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing year,— Mr. Daniel White offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year Ensuing for Six pence on the Pound on all Taxes he shall Collect

the Town accept his offer and Choose him for their Constable and Collector for the year Ensuing—Sworn

Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall Chosen Town Treasurer

Stephen Sharp Chosen Town Clark

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 1*st* 1782

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the Purpose of choosing a Governor. and Lieutenant Governor. for the Common wealth of Massachusetts, and Six Persons to officiate as Counsellors or Sennetors for the District of Suffolk,— the Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows, Viz,

For a Governor.

Twelve Votes for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r
Two for James Bodwoin Esq'r

For a Lieutenant Governor,

Fourteen Votes for his Hon'r Thomas Cushing Esq'r

For Persons to be Counsellors or Senators

Eleaven for Samuel Addams Esq'r
Eleaven for John Pitts Esq'r
Teen for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Teen for Jeremia Powel Esq'r
Teen for Benj'm White Esq'r
Nine for Increase Sumner Esq'r
Seven for James Bodwoin Esq'r
Two for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Two for Ezekiel Price Esq'r
Two for Charles Cushing Esq'r
Two for Colon Tufts Esq'r
One for Jonathan Medcalf Esq'r
One for Brigadier Lovell,
One for John Addams Esq'r
One for John Lowell Esq'r

Then the Hon. Benj'm White Esq'r was Chosen Moderator

Mr. Samuel Clark, was Chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District in Room of Capt'n Timothy Corey who Declind Serving

Stephen Sharp was Chosen Town Treasurer for the Ensuing year, in Room of Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall who declind Serv.

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

May 17*th* 1782.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and Assembled according to law

The Select men being Moderators

upon the Question, whether the Inhabitants, will choose some suitable Person to Represent them in a Great and general Court or assembly to be convened at Boston, on the 29th Inst.

Voted in the Negative, — then Benj'n White Esq'r was chosen Moderator, — The Committee appointed the last March Meeting to View the Town Treasurers accounts, and the accounts of the Committee for Purchasing Beef, Report they have not been able to go through with the Examination of Sd accounts,

Voted that Mr. E. Kitchen Wolcott be added to the Committee Chosen the 21st March Last. for the Purpose of Examining Sd accounts

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd til next Tuesday Sennet at four a Clock in the afternoon

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Tuesday June 11*th* 1782.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

Mr. John Goddard chosen Moderator

Voted that this meeting be adjourned til next Monday at seven a Clock in the Morning in this Place, — and was adjourned accordingly.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday June 17*th* 1782.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants by adjournment from the 11th Instant — Mr. John Goddard Moderator

Voted that Mr. E. Kitchen Wolcott, Mr. Joshua Boylston, and Mr. Robert Sharp be a Committee to make a further inquiry into the accounts of the Committee for Purchasing Beef for the Army for the year 1781, and Report there on at the next Town Meeting

Voted that a sum not Exceeding one Hundred Pounds be Assessed, in a Separate List from other Taxes, for the Purpose of paying the Rev'd Joseph Jackson his Stated Sallary for the current year, and the Surplus if any bee, to be paid into the Town Treasury,

Voted that the Sum of four Hundred Pounds be Raised by a Tax on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, and on Non resident Possessors, for the Purpose of Discharging past Debts, and Defraying the Necessary charges of the Town the Current year

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed to give new Obligations in behalf of the Town, to Such Persons as the Town is Indebted to, agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation

Voted that the article in the Warrant, in Regard to Mr. Jacksons House Rent for the last year, be Referd to the next Town Meeting

Voted that Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Isaac Child and Hon. Benj'm White Esq'r be a Committee to make an Inquiry in Regard to a Piece of Land, Said to belong to this Town, which was fenced in by the late Henry Sewall Esq'r

Then the Meeting was adjournd without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday July 8th 1782,

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline,—Hon. Benj'm White Esq'r Moderator,

The Vote being put, to see if the Town will take any other Method, to raise five Meen to Serve three years in the Continental Army, besides Classing the Inhabitants as Directed by a Res'lv of the General Court of the 1st Day of March last

Voted in the Negative

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

August 20*th* 1782,

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Deac'n Elisha Gardner, Chosen Moderator

Voted that Mr. Ebenez'r Davis former Collector be Directed forth with to Collect the Tax of two Hundred pounds which was Assessed and Committed him to Collect, for the purpose of Building the Ministerial House in this Town

Voted to make some further accommodation to the Ministerial House in this Town Viz. a Barn and a Small out House—Voted to choose a Committee to Direct the Committee for Building the Ministerial House, where, how large, and in what manner Said Barn and out House Shall be Built.

Col. Aspinwall, Mr. Eleaz'r Baker. and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were Chosen to serve on Said Committee

Voted that, Capt'n William Campbell be added to the Committee for Examining the Towns accounts in Room of William Hyslop Esq'r

Voted that Doct'r Aspinwall, former Treasurer, be Directed to Deliver the Book, Papers, and Money, belonging to the Town, to Stephen Sharp Present Treasurer

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Sept'r 26*th* 1782

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Hon'ble Benj'n White Esq'r Chosen Moderator. Voted to hire five Men now called for to go to Nantasket,—Voted that Mr. Nath'el Winchester Deac'n Gardner and Mr. Daniel White, be a committee to hire Said men on the most reasonabe terms they can, and that the Town relieve said Men in six weeks from the time of Inlistment, if they desire it,—Voted to Indemnify the Selectmen from all charges that may arise by reason of their not proceeding to draught said men agreeable to the Melitia Law

Voted that Mr. Daniel White make Report to the Selectmen next Saturday at four a Clock in the afternoon, at Mr. Dana's

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Monday March 3d 1783,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town, at the Meeting House warnd and Assembled according to Law, Mr. John Goddard being Chosen Moderator, the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to serve the Town the year Ensuing

Voted to choose three Selectmen to Serve the Town the year Ensuing—Mr. Caleb Croft, Mr. Moses White and Stephen Sharp were chosen Selectmen, Declind Serving

The forenoon being Spent. it was moved and Voted to adjourn this meeting till two o'Clock this afternoon in this Place—When being meet, Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

Col. Thomas Aspinwall, Mr. John Heath, and Mr. Sam'el Croft were chosen Selectmen, who Declind Serving

then Capt'n Corey. and Mr. Jonathan Dana, were chosen Selectmen, and Likewise Declind Serving,

the Day being Spent it was moved and Voted to adjourn this Meeting til next Thursday at nine o clock in the Morning, in this place, and was adjournd accordingly

Thursday March 6th

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants at the Meeting House by adjournment from monday the 3d current

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

Only Seven of the Inhabitants being meet, it was moved and Voted to adjourn the meeting til two o Clock in the afternoon in this place, and was adjournd accordingly

when being meet according to adjournment

Voted to choose assessors Separate from the Selectmen

Selectmen Mr. Caleb Craft, was chosen a Selectman

Mr. Moses White, was chosen a Selectman

Stephen Sharp, was chosen a Selectman

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk, & Sworn

Voted to choose three Assessors for the Ensuing year

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes,

Constable Deac'n Elisha Gardner, offers to Serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes the Ensuing year, for Six pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall Collect—the Town accept his offer and make choice of him as their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year Ensuing

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Robert Sharp was chosen Surveyor of the highways for the North District

Mr. Benj'n White was chosen Surveyor for the middle District

Mr. Daniel Child for the South District

Mr. Abijah Child for the New District

Fence Viewers Mr. John Goddard and Col. Thom's Aspinwall, were chosen Fence Viewers

Mr. Jonathan Dana was chosen clark of the market

Sealer of Leather Deac'n Elhanan Winchester was, chosen Sealer of Leather

Suv'r of Boards Mr. Daniel Child was chosen Surveyor of Boards.

Field Drivers Mr. Caleb Gardner and Mr. Samuel Griggs were chosen Field Drivers

Hogreaves Mr. Job Weld and Mr. Silas Winchester were chosen Hogreaves

Voted, to choose a Committee to take under consideration what further allowance is Reasonable for the Town to make the Rev'd Joseph Jackson for the time past

then Mr. Nehemial Davis, Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall, and Mr. Caleb Craft. were chosen a Committee to take Sd matter under Consideration, and Report thereon at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to Ingage a Schoolmaster to keep School in the School house in the middle of the Town till the first Day of Nov'r Next

Then it was moved & Voted to adjourn this Meeting til Thursday the 13th Day of March Current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in this place. and was adjournd accordingly

Thursday March 13th 1783,

At a meeting of the Inhabitants at the Meeting House by adjourment from the Six day of March current

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

the Committee, that was chosen to take under consideration what sum is Reasonable for the Town to allow the Rev'd Mr. Jackson for the time past, Report as their Opinion that it is proper for the Town to allow him the sum of Fifty six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to defray his Expences to the 2d of February 1783

then it was put to Vote to see if it is the minds of the Town to allow Mr. Jackson Sd Sum of fifty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, — Voted in the Affirmative

Voted that the Sum of Fifty Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence, which the Town has Voted to allow Mr. Jackson for the last year, be added to & Assessed with his stated Sallary for the present year, which Sums amount to one Hundred & fifty pounds

Voted, that the Sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised for the purpose of repairing the highways in this Town the Current year, — and that Sd Sum of Eighty pounds be Assessed and Collected in the same way & manner, that the highway Rate was in the year 1774, Viz

that the foregoing Sum of Eighty pounds be Assessed by the Assessors of Sd Town and put in the Town Rate, and the person or persons so assessed shall have a Receit from under the Hands of the Surveyor for part or for the whole sum of his Highway Rate according as he shall work, and it shall Discount with the Town Collector so much of his Town Tax, the Surveyors notifying Said Persons as the Law Directs, and and if any Person or Persons shall neglect to work out his high way Rate (after being notified as aforesaid) then the Surveyors are Directed to work out said delinquents Rates in each of their Districts, and the Surveyors shall have Orders on the Town Treasurer for as much Money as they shall Expend for Said Delinquenents,—

Doct'r Aspinwall, Mr. John Heath, and Mr. Sam'el Croft. were chosen a Committee to View and Settle the Town & School Treasurer Accounts,

Voted, to choose a Committee to Assist the Collectors in case any person or Persons shall refuse to pay their Proportion of Taxes as already assessed, for the purpose of Building the ministerial House in Said Town, — and that the Select men upon application of Such Committee, be directed to Draw orders on the Town Treasurer, for Sufficient Sums of Money, to carry on any Law suits, that Such a Refusal may Occation — then Mr. John Goddard, Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall, and Mr. Moses White were chosen a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Select. men be Desired to take proper Care of the Town's Stock of Arms, Ammunition and so forth

Assessors the Selectmen were chosen Assessors,

Town Treas'r Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall was chosen Town Treasurer

then it was Movd and Voted to adjourn this Meeting til monday the Seventh Day of April next, at two o'Clock in the afternoon in this place, and was adjournd accordingly

Monday April 7th 1783,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of Choosing a Governor, and Lieut't Governor, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six persons to Officiate as Counsellors or Sennetors for the District of Suffolk. — the Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz.

For a Governor,
Nineteen Votes for his Excell'y John Hancock Esq'r
one for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
For a Lieutenant Governor
Fifteen for Elbridge Gerry Esq'r
Two for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Two for his hon'r Thom's Cusing Esq'r
For Sennetors
Eighteen for Sam'el Addams Esq'r
Seventeen for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Seventeen for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Fourteen for Jeremia Powel Esq'r
Twelve for Benj'm White Esq'r
Eight for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Nine for Ebenez'r Wales Esq'r
Six for John Pitts Esq'r
Five for Cotton Tufts Esq'r
One for Thom's Cushing Esq'r
One for James Bodoin Esq'r
One for James Warren Esq'r
One for Ezekiel Price Esq'r

Brookline May 16*th* 1783.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House

it Being put to Vote to see if the Town wold Send Some person to Represent them in the Great and General Court, or Assembly, the Insuing year, it was Voted in the affirmative — then the Inhabitants brought in their Votes and upon counting the same it appeared that they had made choice of the Hon. Benj'm White Esq'r to Represent them in the General Court the Insuing year

then Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen moderator

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Repair the Frame of the Bell

Mr. John Goddard Mr. Nehemiah Davis and Mr. Moses White were chosen a Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety for the present year

Voted to abate Mr. Solomon Hill's Poll Tax and Personal Estate Tax for the year 1781.

Voted that the principal and Interest, Due from the Town to the School Committee, be added together into one Sum, and that a new Bond be given for the Same

Voted that the article in the Warrant in regard to Raising Money be Refered to some futer Meeting

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

August 22*d* 1783

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, — Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen Moderator

Voted That the Town Treasurer be Directed to Settle with the Rev'd Joseph Jackson & pay him all that shall be due to him from the Town by the twentieth Day of Sept'r next — Voted, that the article in the Warrant in regard to choosing a committee to Petition to the General court for abatement of Taxes be Refered to the next Town Meeting

Then the meeting was adjournd without Day

Brookline Thursday Sept'r 18*th* 1783,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Mr. Caleb Craft being Chosen Moderator

Voted, that the article in the warrant in regard to Raising Money be refered to the next Town Meeting

Voted, not to do any thing in regard to Capt'n Thom's White and his Estate

Voted, to choose a committee to Petition to the General Court at their next Session for abatement of this Towns Taxes, Then Doct'r William Aspinwall, Mr. John Goddard, and Col. Thomas Aspinwall were chosen a Committee for that purpose

Voted, that the sum of Money that is due from this Town to the Heirs of the late Mr. Thomas Griggs, be Raised by a Tax, Collected and paid into the Treasury by the first of Dec'r next

Then the meeting was Dissolvd

Monday Nov'r 24th 1783.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Capt'n Will'm Campbell was chosen Moderator

Voted, that one School be kept in the Town through the Insuing Winter—after some debate it was,—Voted. that the Vote passed in Regard to keeping but one School, be reconsidered, and that in stead thereof two schools be kept for the term of four Months

Voted. that the Town Treasurer be directed, and he is hereby Directed to call upon the Collectors for a Settlement of all the outstanding Taxes by ye last Day of Janu'y next

Voted, not to Raise any Money for the Use of ye Town,

after some debate it was Voted, to reconsider the above Vote in regard to not Raising any Money

Then it was Voted, that the Assessors be directed, and they are hereby directed to Assess the Sum of two Hundred pounds on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, and on Nonresident Possessors, for the purpose of paying Mr. John Goddard a Sum of money lent by him to the Town, in 1777, the Overplus to be paid into ye Town Treasury for the Use of the Town

Then the meeting was Dissolved

I do hereby certifie that I have Surveyed and measured the Town of Brookline in the month of May last, according to my best skill and Judgment, Mikel Medcalf and Caleb Aspinwall being Chain Men. and that the Said Town Contains Four Thousand four hundred and Sixteen Acres in the whole

Jonathan Kingsbery Ju'r Surveyor

Needham, January 15. 1781,

Suffolk Sc'c Needham, Jan'ry 15th 1781

Then Mr. Jonathan Kingsbury Surveyor Appeared and made Oath to the Truth of the above Certificate by him Subscribed, before me Josiah Newall Justice of Peace

Needham, Jan'ry 15. 1781.

Then Mr. Micheal Metcalf appeared and made Oath, that in the Month of May last he assisted as a chainman to Measure the Town of Brookline and that he performed the Duty Honestly and Impartially according to his best Skill and Judgment

Josiah Newall Justice of Peace

A true Copy Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

I do hereby Certify that I have measured & Surveyed Doct'r William Aspinwalls Farm lying in Brookline According to my best Skill and Judgment, John Newland, Thomas White, Sam'el Fuller & Wm. Darrell being Chainmen & that Said Farm Contains Fifty Eight Acres one Quarter and Eight Rods,

Jona. Kingsbery Surveyor

Needham Jan'ry 3 1781,

Suffolk sc'c Brookline March 5. 1780.

Then Mess's John Newland, Thomas White, Samuel Fuller, & William Darrell, appear'd and made Oath that in the Month of September last, they Each of them Assisted as chain Men, to Measure Doct'r William Aspinwall's Farm In the Town of Brookline, and that they Performd the Duty Honestly, & Impartially according to their best Skill and Judgment, before Me

B. White J. Pacis

a true Copy, Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Sir your Piece of Meadow Contains One Acre & Nineteen Roods
From your Friend & Humble Serv't Jona. Kingsburry
Brookline May 15th 1782
To Doct'r Aspinwall

Three Rods were afterwards Added which makes in the whole One Acre & twenty two Rods

William Aspinwall

a true Copy Attest, Stephen Sharp, Town Clerk

N. B. the above peice of Meadow was Bought by Doct'r Aspinwall of Mr. Robert Sharp

This Certifyeth that I have Surveyed in the Town of Brookline in the year 1780 the Farm of Mr. Ebenezer Davis lying Near his House according to my best Skill & Judgment & Said Farm Contains Fifty four Acres.

pr. Jona. Kingsbury Surveyor

A True Copy Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

This Certifyeth that I have Survey'd in the Town of Brookline in the year 1780 The Farm of the Widow Sarah Davis according to my best Skill & Judgment, And Said Farm Contains Forty Six Acres one Quarter and Seven Rods

pr. Jona. Kingsbury Jun'r Surveyor

A true Copy attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

This Certifyeth that I have Survey'd in the Town of Brookline, in the Month of April 1781 the Farm of Deac'n Elisha Gardner, according to my best Skill & Judgment Sam'el Clark & Benja. Gardner were Chainmen And Said Farm Contains Fifty four Acres, One Quarter & twelve Rods Exclusive of Roads

Jona. Kingsbury Jun'r Surveyor

Brookline Feb 2d 1784 Mr. Samuel Clark & Mr. Benja. Gardner, appeared before me and made Oath that they Assisted as Chainmen in Measuring Deac'n Elisha Gardners Farm, and that they performd Sd Duty Honestly and Impartially — S: Sharp Town Clerk

A true Copy Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

The following Entry was Copied from a plan of Mr. Isaac Sparhawk Gardners Farm Viz. The plan of Isaac Gardners Farm lying in Brookline Except the part A which lyeth in Cambridge,, the whole Contains One Hundred & Five Acres & Six Rods, 3 Acres 2 Q'rs & 37 Rods lyeth in the Part A. 48 Acres 3 Q'rs & 17 Rods in part B, 44 Acres 3 Q'rs 27 Rods in part C, 7 Acres 2 Quarters and 5 Rods in part D,

Survey'd March 23d 1782, and laid down by a Scale of Four Chains or 16 Rods to an Inch

Errors Excepted, Jonathan Kingsbury Jun'r Surveyor

A true copy Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

N. B. Since the above mentioned farm was surveyed thare has been Sold of to Doct'r Aspinwall 7 Acres 2 Qrs & 5. Rods, Sold to Moses White 18 Acres 1 Qr 15 Rods A. Q. R.

Rem'r 75, 1 29

The following is the number of acres which Mr. John Heath's Farm contains Viz, the home place Forty one acres and thirty Six Rods, the Swamp Eighteen Acres two Quarters and five Rods, Gardner pasture Fifty nine Acres three Quarters and four Rods, Mayson Lot twenty three Acres three Quarters and thirty three Rods. Hammonds Meadow three acres and twenty eight Rods, Sawmill Woodlot Eight acres One Quarter and thirty one Rod. Sawmill Meadow Lot Five acres two Quarters and Thirty Eight Rods, Salt Marsh Eleaven Acres three Quarters and Eighteen Rods

A. q R.

The whole contains 175.. 2.. 33.

N. B. The above Entry was taken from the Deeds.

Monday March 8th, 1784, Annual Town Meeting

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warned and Assembled According to Law

Capt'n William Campbell was Chosen Moderator

Voted, to choose three Selectmen to Serve the Town ye Insuing Year

Select. Men Then Mr. Caleb, Craft was chosen First Selectman

Stephen Sharp was chosen Second Selectman

Mr. Moses White was chosen Third Selectman

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk & Sworn

Treasurer Doct'r Wm. Aspinwal was chosen Town Treasurer

Then Voted, to adjourn this Meeting til two a Clock in the afternoon in this place

The Meeting was adjournd accordingly

Being meet accordin to Adjournment,

Capt'n Campbell Moderator

Assessors—The Selectmen were chosen Assessors, Sworn

Voted, that the Person that shall be Collector of Taxes Give Bondsmen to the Sattisfaction of the Town

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Surveyors of highways Mr. Ebenez'r Davis was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District, Mr. Wm. Ackers for the Middle Dist't Mr. Solomon Child for the South District — and Mr. Joshua Boylston for the New District

Fence Viewers Col. Aspinwall, & Mr. John Goddard, were Chosen Fence Viewers & Sworn

Mr. Sam'el Clark, was chosen Clark of the Market

Deac'n Elhanan Winchester, chosen Sealer of Leather

Mr. Daniel Child, chosen Surveyor of Board & Shingles

Col. Aspinwall, chosen Surveyor of Wood

Field Drivers Mr. Silas Winchester, & Mr. Sam'el Winchester chosen Field Drivers

Hogreaves, Mr. Benja. Duck & Mr. Henry Dunster chosen Hogreaves

Mr. John Goddard, Stephen Sharp, & Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott were chosen a Committee to Inspect The Towns Accounts — Voted, not to abate any of the Inhabitants their proportionable part of the Charge toward, maintaining Schools the winter past.

Voted, that two Schools be kept by Suitable Masters, where they may best accommodate Each part of the Town, for the term of three Months in the Winter Season, and that a Suitable Master be Ingag'd to keep School the Other nine Months in the year in the School House in the middle of the Town, and that two Women Schools be kept where they will best Accommodate Each part of the Town for the Term of three Months in the Summer Season

Col. Aspinwall, Stephen Sharp, and Mr. Daniel Dana were Chosen a Committee, to Determin where the School House in the Upper part of the Town Shall stand, and make Report the Next Town Meeting

Then Mr. John Harris, Tars's [3d] Offers to Serve the Town as Constable & Collector of Taxes for the Insuing Year, for Ten Pence on the Pound on all Taxes he Shall Collect,

The Town accept his Offer and choose him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Insuing year. & he was Sworn to the Faithful Discharge of Said Office & Trust

Voted that the Article in the Warrant, in regard to the Interest of the School Money be refered to the next Town Meeting

Voted, that the Towns Stock of Powder be Sold, and that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed to Sell the Same

Monday April 5. 1784.

at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the Purpose of choosing a Governor & Lieuten't Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six Persons to Officiate as Counsellors or Sennetors for the District of Suffolk — the Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz.

For a Governor

Thirteen Votes for his Excell'y John Hancock Esq'r
Three for James Sullivan Esq'r
Two for Benja. Lincoln Esq'r

For a Lieut't Governor

Eight for Benja. Lincoln Esq'r
Five for James Sullivan Esq'r
One for his Hon'r Thom's Cushing Esq'r

For Sennetors

Fourteen for Sam'el Addams Esq'r
Thirteen for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Nine for John Lowel Esq'r
Nine for James Sullivan Esq'r
Eight for Benja. Lincoln Esq'r
Eight for Sam'el Niles Esq'r
Five for Benja. White Esq'r
Three for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Three for Jeremia Powel Esq'r
Three for Jon Pitts Esq'r
Two for James Boadoin Esq'r
Two for Ezekiel Price Esq'r
One for Richard Cranch Esq'r

Brookline Monday April 5. 1784.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the Sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised for the Purpose of Repairing the Highways the Present Year and that said Sum be Assessed in the Same way & manner the Sum for Repairing the Highways was assessed the last Year

Voted, that the Treasurer of this Town be Directed and he is hereby Directed to Issue his Warrant against the Delinquenent Collectors, whenever he finds the State of the Town Requires it.

Voted, that the Article in the Warrant in Regard to a Pew be Refered to the next Town Meeting

Mr. John Goddard, & Mr. Daniel Dana, were chosen a Committee to Meet at the House of Mr. Timothy Gay Inn-holder in

Dedham on Thursday the 22d of April Inst't at ten a clock in the forenoon, agreeable to a letter from the Comnttee of the Town of Milton to the Selectmen of this Town Dated March 22d 1784.

then the Meeting was Dissolved

May 13*th* 1784

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warn'd & Assembled according to law

Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen Moderator

Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Daniel Dana & Mr. Caleb Craft were chosen a Committee to Correspond & Meet with Committees from any other Towns that are Dissafected with the late Regulations in Regard to the Markets in Boston, and to take such methods as in their Judgment may be most Effectual to Remove so Great a Grievance

Voted that the School Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed to Collect the Interest Due on the School Money, and if any person Shall Neglect or refuse to pay the Interest that is Due on their Obligations, after Due Notice Given to put their Obligations, in Suit

Voted, to raise the Sum of three Hundred & fifty Pounds on polls, Real and personal Estates, of the Inhabitants of this Town and on Non-resident possessors, for the purpose of Defraying the necessary charges of the Town the current year and paying back Debts.

Mr. Isaac Child, Mr. Wm. Ackers, Mr. John Heath, Mr. Daniel Dana, and Mr. Robert Sharp were chosen a Committee to Consider what allowance is Reasonable for the Town to make the Rev'd Joseph Jackson for what he has Expended more than his Sallary the last year—and Report their Opinion thereon at the next Town Meeting

Mr. John Goddard, Col. Thom's Aspinwall, and Mr. John Heath were chosen a Committee to take under consideration the article in the Warrant in Regard to Selling Pews and to report their Opinion thereon at the next Town Meeting

Mr. John Goddard was chosen to Represent this Town in the Great, the General Court or Assembly of the Commonwealth the Present year

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Tuesday June 29, 1784

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator

The Committee chosen the 13th May last, to take under consideration, what, allowance is Reasonable for the Town to make Mr. Jackson for what he has been Obliged to Expend more than his Sallary the last year, report as follows Viz.

That a Subscription paper be carried round among the Inhabitants of the Town that such persons as are Disposed to give, may have Oppertunity to Subscribe for the above purpose

The Town Accept their report, and make choice of Mr. Isaac Child & Mr. Robert Sharp as a Committee for the purpose of Carring round Sd paper

The Committee appointed the 13. May last to take under consideration whether it would be Expedient to build two Pews in the Meeting House, Report as follows Viz. that two Pews may be Erected where the Body Seats now are (if applyed for) without being any Damage to the Meeting house, & Further Report as their Opinion that they ought to be Disposed of to Such persons as the Town shall think they in Right belong to, according to the usual Costom of the Town, and not at Vendue as has been proposed

It being put to Vote to see if the Town would accept the above Report, Voted in the Negative. Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday Decemb'r 20, 1784.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warnd and Assembled according to Law.

Col. Thomas Aspinwall being chosen Moderator after Some Debate, it was Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Grammar School house Immediately — where being Meet

Voted, not to allow the Rev'd Mr. Jackson the Sum of twenty one pounds twelve Shillings which he Expended more than was Granted him by the Town for the year 1782.

Voted, to allow the Rev'd Mr. Jackson the Sum of Fifty six pounds (in full) for what he was Obliged to Expend more than his Stated Sallary to Support his Family for the year 1783, and that Such Persons as have Subscribed, and given a Sum for Said purpose be allowed the Same, Sd Subscription having not Answered the Designed End, Likewise, that Said Sum of Fifty Six pounds be Assessed with his next years Sallary

Voted that the Sum of six Shillings & eight pence, be added to and Assessed with the above Sum of Fifty six pounds

Voted, to allow the Inhabitants in the South part of the Town as far as to Include Mr. Gulliver Winchester, with a proportionable part of the Estates belonging to Non resident possessors, to Draw out of the Town Treasury in Futer, their proportionable part of the Money that may be granted for use of Schools, and Expend the same for schooling as they Shall think most Beneficial

Voted, that the Vote passed the Eight Day of March last in Regard to keeping two Schools for the term of three months in the Winter Season be Reconsidered, and in Stead thereof keep but one — Voted that Capt'n Corey be granted Liberty, and he is hereby Granted Liberty, to Cut a Window in his Pew at his Own Expence Provided he cuts no braces,—and that Mr. Moses Whites Window be moved as far as may be, without being carried out of his Pew

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline, Monday March 7th 1785.

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Warnd and assembled according to Law,

Deac'n Eliska Gardner was chosen Moderator

Voted to choose three Selectmen to Serve the Town the Insuing year

Mr. Caleb Croft, Stephen Sharp, and Mr. Moses White were chosen Selectmen, and Declined Serving

Then the Meeting was adjournd til two a Clock in the Afternoon, — being meet according to adjournment

Mr. Daniel Dana, Mr. Isaac Gardner, and Mr. Samuel Clark were chosen Selectmen and Declind Serving

Town Treas'r Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall was chosen Town Treasurer

Voted, to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Voted, that the Person that may bee Constable and Collect'r of Taxes give Bonds to the Sattisfaction of the Town

Constab'e Deac'n Elhanan Winchester offers to serve the Town as constab'e and Collector of Taxes, for the Insuing year, for nine pence halfpenny on the Pound, on all Rates and Taxes he shall Collect for the Town

The Town accept his offer and choose him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Insuing year

Surveyors of Highways Col'n Thomas Aspinwall was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the Lower District

Mr. John Heath for the Middle District.

Mr. Gulliver Winchester for the South District.

Mr. Nath'el Winchester for the New District.

Fence Viewers, Mr. Robert Sharp & Mr. Jonathan Dana chosen Fenceviewers

Surveyor of Boards, Shin'l & Wood Mr. Eleaz'r Baker was chosen Surveyor of Boards & Shing'l

Field Drivers, Mr. Caleb Gardner & Mr. Samuel Griggs were chosen Field drivers

Hogreaves, Mr. Josiah Jordan & Mr. Jacob Harvey

Clerk of the Market, Mr. Samuel Claark

Sealer of Leather, Dea'n Elhanan Winchester

Mr. John Goddard, Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott, and Stephen Sharp, were chosen a Committee to Inspect the Town and School Treasurers accounts, and Report thereon at next May Meeting

Voted, that the Sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised (in the way and manner the Highway Rate was made the last year.) for the purpose of repairing the Highways the Insuing year

Mr. Benja. White, Mr. Jonathan Dana: and Mr. Daniel White were chosen a Committee to take under Consideration the matter in Regard to Selling Spaces or spots to Build Pews on, and Report their opinion thereon at the next Town Meeting

Voted that the Persons who shall Serve as Selectmen the Insuing year, be directed & they are hereby directed, to Inform themselves in Regard to Mr. Acker's Rates and if they find (In their judgment) he is over Rated in proportion to the Inhabitants in general, to make him abatements accordingly

Then. the Meeting was adjourned to Monday 14th Inst.

Monday March 14, Only Eight of the Inhabitants being Meet, it was moved Voted to Dissolve the Meeting and it was Dissolv'd accordingly

Thursday March 31, 1785

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted to choose three Select: men in Room of those that were chosen the Seventh Day of March Inst, and Declind Serv'g.

Voted, to Reconsider the above Vote Respecting choosing three Selectmen, and in Stead thereof to choose Five.

Then. Benjamin White Esq'r Mr. John Goddard, Col. Thomas Aspinwall. Mr. Daniel Dana, and Mr. John Heath were chosen Selectmen to Serve the Town the Insuing year, — Esq'r White And Mr. Heath Declind Serv'g

Deac'n Elhanan Winchester, who was chosen Constable & Collector of Taxes the 7th March last Desires the Town would Excuse him from Serving in Said Offices

Voted, to Excuse Deac'n Winchester from Serving as Constable and Collector of Taxes the Ensuing year

Voted that the matter in Regard to choosing a constable and Collector of Taxes be Referd til Monday the 4th Day of April next

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk. Sworn April 4th

Col. Aspinwall Stephen Sharp and Deac'n Gardner, were chosen a Committee to take under consideration the article in the Warrant Respecting selling Spaces or Spots to Build Pews on, and Report their opinion thereon at the next Town Meeting — Then it was moved and Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 4th Day of April next, and was adjourned accordingly

Monday April 4th 1785, At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor, & Lieut, Governor, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six persons to Officiate as Counsellors or Sennetors for the District of Suffolk, The Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz

For a Governor,—Twenty Votes for James Bowdoin Esq'r
One for Thomas Cushing Esq'r
One for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
For a Lieut. Governor—Sixteen for Sam'el Addams Esq'r
Five for Thomas Cushing Esq'r
One for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
One for William Heath Esq'r
For Sennetors—Twenty for William Heath Esq'r
Seventeen for Cotton Tufts Esq'r
Seventeen for James Sullivan Esq'r
Seventeen for Sam'el Allen Otis Esq'r
Sixteen for Stephen Medcalf Esq'r

Fifteen for Sam'el Addams Esq'r
Seven for Thomas Cushing Esq'r
Three for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Three for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Two for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
Two for John Lowel Esq'r
Two for Caleb Davis Esq'r
One for Sam'el Niles Esq'r
One for Sam'el Dexter Esq'r

Then Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator Mr. Isaac Child, Capt'n Timothy Corey, and Mr. Jonathan Dana, were chosen a Committee to take under consideration the article in the Warrant Respecting Mr. Jacksons Sallary, and report their Opinion thereon at the next Town Meeting.

Mr. Isaac Gardner, and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen Selectmen in Room of Benja. White Esq'r and Mr. John Heath who were chosen the 31st of March last and Declind Serving

Mr. John Harris, Tartius, [3d] offers to Serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing Year for ten pence on the Pound on all Rates and Taxes he shall Collect for the Town,—the Town accept his Offer and choose him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing year

Voted to sell the whole of the Bodie Seats in the Meeting house for pew Spots, and that Sd Seats be Sold at Vendue to the highest Bidder, on next May Meeting Day, Likewis that the Constable be Directted, to notifie the Inhabitants of Said Sale when he warns them to May Meeting.

Voted that Joshua Boylston, who was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the New District, for the Last year and has Neglected to warn and give the Inhabitants in that District opertunity to work out their Respecting Sums Set in the List committed unto him, be allowed the term of two months from the Date hereof, to compleat Said Business in

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

May 12*th* 1785

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline the Selectmen being Moderators,

It was moved & Voted to Elect Some person to Represent this Town in the General Court the Insuing year

the Inhabitants Brought in their Votes and upon Counting the Same it appeard that John Goddard Esq'r was chosen To Represent this Town in the General Court appointed to be Convend and held for the Government's Service at the State House in Boston upon the last Wednesday in May

John Goddard Esq'r Was chosen Moderator

Voted to Accept the Report of the Committee for Examining the Town & School Treasurers accounts, and Sd Committee were Directed to Discharge them accordingly.

The Committee Chosen the 4th March last to take under Consideration the article in the Warrant Respecting Mr. Jacksons Sallary Report their Opinion thereon Viz.

Brookline May 12. 1785, the Committee appointed to Inspect the accounts of the Rev'd Mr. Joseph Jackson, Find that he has Expended Thirty Four pounds more than his yearly Sallary, which Sum they think he should be allowed for the year 1784.

Isaac Child Timothy Corey Jonathan Dana Committee

Voted to accept the above Report

Mr. Samuel Clark, Mr. Jonathan Dana, & Mr. Abijah Child were Chosen a Committee to Repair the School House in the Middle of the Town

Voted, to Raise the Sum of two Hundred pounds on pools Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and on Non-Resident Possessors, to Defray the Charges of the Town the Current year

Voted to Refer the article in the Warrant in Regard to making Mr. Jackson an allowance for the Current year

Mr. Sam'el Croft was chosen to Serve on the School Committee in Room of Mr. Nehemiah Davis Deceas'd

Voted that the Selectmen be directed, and they are hereby Directed to porceed with the Collectors of Sd Town according to a Vote passd at Town Meeting June 5th 1780, and if the Collectors cannot make it appear that they are unable to collect their Taxes, that they then Direct the Treasurer, to Issue his Warrant against Such Collectors.

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Brookline August 8th 1785

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting house warnd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted, to paint the lower part of the Steple and the Window Frames of the Meeting house

Voted, that the abatement of the Fine which the Town was Fineed for not sending a Representative the Year 1783, be applied for the above purpose, and paying for the Bell wheel

then the Meeting was Dissolved.

August 25th 1785.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warnd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted, to hire a collector of Taxes in room of Daniel White, to compleat the Collection of the Taxes, committed to him to collect for the year 1782

Voted, to refer the matter in regard to hiring a Collector of Taxes in room of Daniel White

Voted, to choose a Committee to Inquire of Daniel White and get what light they can in order for a Settlement between him and the Town.

Then Mr. John Goddard, Stephen Sharp & Mr. Daniel Dana were chosen a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted, that Said Committee be Impowered, and they be hereby Impowered to indemnify said White from any Damage that may befall him on this Towns account by reason of his attendance on Said Committee

Mr. Edward Kitchen Wolcott, and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen a Committee to go to Such persons as are not Discharged in Sd White's Rate Lists. and to take Copies of the Receipts that he has given for Taxes

Voted, to refer the article in the Warrant in Regard to Raising Money to make up the Deficiency of Daniel White's Collections til the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that the article in the warrant in regard to giving the Town Treasurer Directions, in Regard to Settling an old paper money Rate with Mr. Ebenezer Davis Collector for the year 1781, be referred to the adjournment of this meeting

Then it was Voted, to adjourn this Meeting til next monday Fortnit in this Place, and was adjournd accordingly

September 12*th*

The Inhabitants being meet according to adjournment

Voted, to hire a Collector to Compleat the Collection of the Taxes that were Committed to Daniel White a defective Collector for the year 1782

Samuel Clark offers to collect the Taxes affore mentioned for three shillings on the pound, the Town accept his offer and choose him accordingly

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to Discharge Such persons (as Shall make it appear to their Satisfaction) as paid their Taxes to Daniel White and have no, Receipts there for — Then Doct'r Aspinwall, Mr. John Goddard, and Mr. Daniel Dana, were chosen a Committee to Settle with Daniel White in such a manner as in their Judgment Shall be most advantageous to the Town

Voted not to collect the Old paper money Rate that was committ to Ebenez'r Davis Collector, for 1781 in hard Money Then the Meeting was Dissolve'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

October 31*st* 1785.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the House of Mr. Daniel White Warn'd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator

Voted, that the Towns Committee Viz, Mr. John Goddard, Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall & Mr. Daniel Dana, be Directed to Level the Execution on the Remainder of Daniel White's Estate, and that they be impowered to Deliver as much of Said Estate into the hands of Mr. Isaac Child, (or such other Person as they shall think Suitable) for the Use of Sd White's Wife as they Shall think proper, and that Sd White's Estates be Credited accordingly

Voted, that the Selectmen be impowered to Sell and give a Warrantee Deed of the Real Estate that belonged to Daniel White,— and that Said Estate be sold at public Vendue on Monday the 14th Day of Nov'r next at this place if not sold before at private Sale

Voted, to abate Mr. Solomon Hills Ministerial house Tax, personal Estate Tax and poll Tax up to this present year

Voted, to adjourn this Meeting to the 14th Day of Nov'r next at nine a clock in the Morning in this place

Then the Meeting was adjournd accordingly

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Nov'r 14*th* 1785,

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 31 Day of Octo'r last

Mr. John Goddard, Col. Thomas Aspinwall and Mr. Caleb Craft were chosen a committee, to wait on a Committee that may hereafter be chosen, or appointed by the Hon. General Court, for the purpose of Viewing this Town,

Monday January 30th 1786.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the Selectmen take Such measures as they shall think Proper, in Regard of the maintenance of Nehemiah Davis, Except the Executors of the Last will and Testament of the late Mr. Nehemiah Davis Deceas'd Comply with the proposals that has been made to them by the Selectmen

Voted, that Doct'r William Aspinwall, Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Daniel Dana be a Committee to hire a Sum of Money that will be Sufficient to settle with the State and County Treasurers with the Money that they have Received by the Sale of Daniel White's Real and personel Estate

The above Entry Copyed from a paper Received from Mr. Ebenez'r Davis one of the Selectmen of this Town

pr. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Monday March 6 1786.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting house, warnd and Assembled according to Law, the following persons were chosen Town officers for the year insuing

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted, to choose three Selectmen to serve the Town the Insuing year.

Selectmen Mr. John Goddard was chosen first Selectman Declined Serv'g

Mr. Caleb Craft Chosen a Selectman Declind Serving

Mr. Isaac Gardner chosen a Selectman Declind Serving

Mr. Isaac Child, Mr. Daniel Dana and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen Selectmen & Declind Servg

Voted, to Refer choosing Selectmen for the present

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Constable Mr. John Goddard offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes the Insuing year for one Shilling on a pound on all Taxes he Shall collect,

The Town accept his offer and make choice of him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes the Insuing year Sworn March 25th

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Samuel Croft for the North District

Mr. Caleb Gardner for the Middle District

Mr. Isaac Child for the South District

Mr. Abijah Child for the New District

Fence Viewers Mr. Joseph Goddard and Mr. Caleb Craft

Surveyor of Boards Shingles & Wood Mr. Eleaz'r Baker.

Field Drivers Mr. Samuel Griggs & Mr. Ebenezer White

Hogreaves Mr. Joshua Griggs & Mr. Enoch Corey

Clark of the market Mr. Eleaz'r Baker

Sealer of Leather Decon Elhanan Winchester

Town Treas'r Doct'r William Aspinwall

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp

Stephen Sharp Mr. Isaac Gardner and Mr. Daniel Dana were chosen a Committee to Inspect the Towns accounts

Voted, that the article in the Warrant in Regard to Mr. Jackson be Refered til Money is Raised to Defray the charges of the Town

Voted, to Adjourn this Meeting to the Grammar School house Immediately, where being Meet

Voted, to abate Primus's Rates for the years 1784, and 1785,

Selectmen Then Mr. Isaac Gardner & Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were again chosen Selectmen Mr. John Goddard was again chosen a Selectman

Then the Meeting was Dissolv'd

Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 3d 1786.

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor, and Lieut. Governor, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six Persons for Counsellors or Senetors for the District of Suffolk, the Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz.

For a Governor,

Twenty five Votes for his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq.

For a Lieut. Governor,

Twelve Votes for Samuel Addams Esq'r
Eleaven for Thomas Cushing Esq'r

For Senators

Twenty one for Samuel Addams Esq'r
Twenty two for Wm. Phillips Esq'r
Twenty for Stephen Medcalf Esq'r
Twenty one for Wm. Heath Esq'r
Twenty two for Cotton Tufts Esq'r
Sixteen for John Lowel Esq'r
Three for Thomas Cushing Esq'r
Four for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Two for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
One for Caleb Davis Esq'r

Then Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator

Voted, that the money that may hereafter be Raised for the purpose of Repairing the Highways, be laid out in the way and manner the Money was laid out for repairing the Highways the last year

Voted that the sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised for the purpose of Repairing the Highways the present year

Voted that the Surveyors of the Highways be Directed and they are hereby Directed, not to give credit to any persons for any more time than they work

Voted to allow Mr. Daniel Child four shillings pr. Day for the extra work he did at the Highways in the year 1785

Voted that the article in the warrant in Regard to Schools be Refered to next may meeting

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen to Serve as Grand Juror for the year,—Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest, Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday. April 3d 1786

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds. and for a Treasurer for the County of Suffolk Viz

For a Register of Deeds, Sixteen Votes for Joshua Henshaw Esq'r

For a Treasurer, Twenty Seven Votes for Alex'r Hodgdon Esq'r

Four for Thom's Crafts Esq'r

May 4th 1786

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warned and Assembled according to Law

Voted to Elect Some Person to Represent this Town in the General Court the present year

Mr. John Goddard was chosen to Represent this Town in the General Court appointed to be Convened and held for the Governments Service, at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday in May Inst. Then Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r Mr. Isaac Child and Stephen Sharp were chosen a Committee to Consider what allowance the Town Ought to make Mr. Jackson for what he has Expended more than his Stated Sallary the year past and to Report their Opinion Immediately

Said Committee having withdrew; and Returned Report their Opinion, that it is Reasonable that the Town Make Mr. Jackson an allowance of twenty Four pounds for what he has Expended to Support his Fammily more than his Stated Sallary the year pas't

Voted, not to accept the Report of the above Committee

Voted, that the school in the Middle of the Town bee continued through the Summer Season

Voted, that a Woman's School be kept at the School house in the Lower End of the Town During the Summer Season

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned til Monday the 22d Day of this Inst. May at two a clock in the afternoon

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

N. B. the following Vote was pas'd at the above Meeting of May 4. 1786 and Omitted Entering in Course Viz, Voted, that the Town allow and pay the Rev'd Joseph Jackson twenty pounds, for what he has Expended more than his Stated Sallary to Support his Family the year past. Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Monday May 22d 1786

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 4th Day of May Inst.

Voted to accept the Report of the Towns Committee in Regard to the Towns Accounts. Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r Stephen Sharp and Mr. Samuel Croft were chosen to Collect Sort & Count the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, the written Votes of Such Persons as were Qualified by the Constitution to vote pr Representatives having been by the said Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r Stephen Sharp & Mr. Samuel Croft, Collected and Counted, it appeared that the following Person was Unanimously Voted for as a Regester of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and had the Number of Votes Set against his Name, Viz. Joshua Henshaw Esq'r 22 Votes

Voted that the Sum of four pounds be added to the allowance of twenty pounds, made Mr. Jackson by the Town the 4th Day of May Inst. for what he has Expended more than his Stated Sallary to Support his Family the year pas'd

Voted that a Woman's School be kept at the upper End of the Town within one hundred Rods of Daniel White's House. for the term of 3 months in the Summer Season, and that Mr. Benjamin White be a Committee to provide a place whare said Said School Shall be kept.

Voted that the Sum of thre hundred and Fifty pounds be Raised on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and on Non resident possessors for the purpose of paying the charges of the Town the present year paying Debts &: C. then the Meeting was Desolved

Brookline Sept'r 21*st* 1786.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline—Mr. Daniel Dana being chosen Moderator

Misseurs John Goddard, Isaac S. Gardner, & Ebenez'r Davis, were chosen a Committee to Sort and Count the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, the Written Votes of Such persons as are qualified by the Constitution to Vote for a Representative; having been by the Sd Miseiurs John Goddard, Isaac S: Gardner. & Ebenez'r Davis, Collected & Counted it appeared that the following person was Unanimously Voted for as a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, and had the No. of Votes Set against his Name. Viz. Joshua Henshaw Esq'r 23 Votes

Voted not to do any thing in Regard to School houses

Voted to Dismiss Mr. John Goddard from Serving as Constable and Collector of Taxes

Mr. Isaac S. Gardner offers to Serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes in Room of Mr. John Goddard for nine pence on the pound for all the Taxes he Shall Collect,—the Town accept his offer, and he was chosen accordingly then the Meeting was Desolv'd

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Nov'r 30*th* 1786

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen moderator

Voted, that Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r Town Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed to Issue his Execution against Constable Harris by the first Day of january next, for all the Taxes that Remain in Said Harris's hands and are payable to Said Treasurer, if the Sd Harris Does not pay in the one half Sd Taxes by the 20th Day of Dec'r next and in Case he Does pay the one half sd Taxes by the Sd 20. Day of Dec'r next then the Treas'r is Directed to allow him a Further term of time to the 15. of january next for the Compleating and making up his accounts with Said Treasurer

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed and is hereby Directed, to hire the Sum of thirty pounds to pay Mr. Jackson in part to Answer his present Necessaties

Then the Meeting was Desolved

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk.

Fryday January 12. 1787

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Capt'n Moses White chosen Moderator

Capt'n Moses White. Lieut. Sam'll Croft, and Col. Thom's Aspinwall were chosen a Committee to hire Eleaven men to serve as Soldiers for this Town, and to Remain in Publick Service 30. Days from the 23d Inst,—upon the most Reasonable terms they can—Mr. John Heath Mr. Nath. Winchester and Mr. Benja. White were Chosen a Committee to hire a Sum of money in behalf of the town for the purpose of hiring Sd Men—then then this meeting was adjournd to Tuesday Evening next at Six a Clock at the Grammer School house

January 16*th* 1787

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 12th Inst Capt. Moses White Moderator —Voted that the Committee Viz Mr. John Heath Mr. Nath. Winchester, and mr. Benjamin White, who were chosen a Committee the 12th Inst to hire money to Raise Soldiers be impowered &

they be hereby impowered, to hire the Sum of Forty pounds for Sd Purpose and that the Town Treas'r be Directed to give his Obligation in behalf of the Town for Sd Sum. Likewise that Sd Sum be Assessed with the next Town Rate— then it was Voted that this meeting be adjournd to next Thursday Evening at Six a Clock in this place, and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday March 19*th* 1787

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting house, warnd and assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard being chosen moderator

Then it was moved and Voted, to choose three Selectmen to Serve the Town the year ensuing.

Mr. Isaac S. Gardner & Mr. Eben Davis were chosen Selectmen & Declind Serving.

Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen a Selectman

Capt'n Moses White was chosen a Selectman

Step'n Sharp was chosen a Selectman & Declind Serving

Lieut. Sam Croft was chosen a Selectman

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Mr. John Harris, Tartius [3d] Offers to Serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes the ensuing year, for Seven pence half penny on the pound, on all Rates he Shall Coll't

Mr. Daniel Dana, Step'n Sharp & Capt'n Corey, were chosen a Committee to Inspect the Town & School Treasurers accounts, and make Report of the Debt and Credit of the Town at Aprill Meeting

Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r was chosen Town Treasurer Declind Serving

Step'n Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer & Declind Serving

Mr. Daniel Dana chosen Town Treasurer & Declined Serv—

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Surveyor of the highways for the

North District, Capt. Moses White for the middle District. Mr. John Harris, Tartius [3d] for the South District,

Mr. Joseph Corey for the fourth District

Mr. Abijah Childs & Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen Fence Vewers.

Mr. Eleaz'r Baker, Chosen Surveyor of Boards, Shingles and Wood

Mr. Sam Griggs & Mr. Solomon Child chosen Field Drivers

Mr. Benj'n Davis & Mr. John Corey chosen Hogreaves

Mr. Eleaz'r Baker was chosen clark of the market

Dea'n Elhanan Winchester chosen Sealer of Leather

Mr. Daniel Dana chosen weigher of Bread

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Town Treasurer Declin'd Serving

Voted, not to make Mr. Jackson an allowance for what he has Expended to Support his Family more than his Stated Salary the year pass'd

Voted. that the Town Treasurer be Directed, and he is hereby Directed, to pay the Soldiers that went for this Town to the Western Expedition, Out of the first money he Receives

Voted to Refer the article in the warrant in Regard to Schools, likewise the Article in Regard to paying Debts to next april meeting

Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 2d 1787

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor and Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six persons to officiate as Counsellors for the District of Suffolk, the Inhabitants brought. in their votes as follows, viz.

For a Governor

Thirty three Votes for ye Hon. John Hancock Esq'r

Nine Votes for his Excell. James Bowdoin Esq'r

For a Lieut. Governor

Twenty two Votes for Wm. Heath Esq'r
Nine for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
Eight for Samuel Addams Esq'r
Three for Thomas Cushing Esq'r

For Senators

Twenty Six Votes for Steph'n Medcalf Esq'r
Twenty three for Wm. Heath Esq'r
Twenty one for Ebenez'r Wales Esq'r
Twenty two for Wm. Phillips Esq'r
Seventeen for Benjamin Austins Esq'r
Fifteen for Samuel Addams Esq'r
Eleaven for Caleb Davis Esq'r
Eleaven for Cotton Tufts Esq'r
Eleaven for James Warren Esq'r
Eleaven for Elijah Dunbar Esq'r
Ten for Doct'r John Medcalf Esq'r
Ten for charles Cushing Esq'r
Nine for Benjamin Austins Jun'r
Ten for Dea. Jonathan Mayson Esq'r
Eight for his Honour Thomas Cushing Esq'r
Six for Joshua Henshaw Esq'r
Five for John Lowel Esq'r
Five for Jabes Fisher Esq'r
Two for Jonathan Medcalf Esq'r
Two for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
Two for Richard Cranch Esq'r
Two for Solomon Lovel Esq'r

Monday April 2d 1787.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — Mr. John Goddard being chosen moderator.

Voted, to allow the Rev'd Mr. Jackson the sum of Fourteen pounds for what he has Expended more than his stated Sallary to Support his Family the year pas'd

Voted, that the sum of Eleaven pounds thirteen Shillings & Four pence be added yearly to the Rev'd Mr. Jackson's Stated Sallary until the Further Order of the Town

Voted, that the Grammar School be Discontinued after the Seven Months agreed for with the Present Master is Expired, til the First Day of Sept'r next.

Voted, that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed, to Ingage a School mistress to keep School in the School house in the middle of the Town, for the term of three months in the Summer Season or in Such other place as they shall think more convenient

Voted that the Town allow Stephen Sharp Interest on his orders Drawn by the Selectmen on the Town Treasurer, after one year from the Date of the Orders, til paid

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Town Treasurer, Declind Ser—

Then the meeting was adjournd to next may meeting

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

N. B. it was also Voted at the above meeting to Raise the Sum of Eighty Pounds to Repair the highways the current year

Thursday May. 10, 1787

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warned and assembled according to Law

The Selectmen being moderators,

Upon the Question, whether the Inhabitants will choose Some Person to Represent them in a great and General Court or Assembly to be Convened at Boston on the last Wednesday in May, it was Voted in the Affirmative.

The Inhabitants then Gave in their Votes and upon Counting the same it appeared that Mr. John Goddard was chosen Representative, and it was Declard according

Then Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator

Mr. Caleb Craft havin Declin'd Serving as a Select man

Mr. Samuel Clark was chosen a Select man for the ensuing year

Mr. Samuel Croft was chosen Town Treasurer, Declind Serving

Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r Offers to serve the Town, as Treasurer in case the Town will Deduct One Hundred pounds from the Valuation of his Personal Estate and Faceulty

The Town accept his offer and chose him Treasurer

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday next at five a clock in the afternoon in this place

Then the meeting was adjourned accordingly

May 15*th* 1787,

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 10 of may current

But few of the Inhabitants being meet it was voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Thursday May 31. 1787

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of of the Town of Brookline, Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator

Voted, to accept the report of the Towns Committee, in Regard to the Town and School Treasurers accounts

Voted, to Raise the Sum of two Hundred pounds on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and on Non-resident Possessors for the purpose of Defraying the Charges of the Town the current year

Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen on the School Committee in room of Mr. Isaac Child

Voted, to have a Contribution for the Sufferers by the late fire in Boston

Voted that the Contribution for the above purpose be on the first Sabbath in July next

The Selectmen were also, chosen a committee, to Receive the Money that may be collected by a contribution for the Sufferers by the late Fire in Boston and Distribute the Same to Such of the Sufferers as they in their Judgment may think Stand in Greatest Need; and Render an account of their Doings to the Town at the next Town Meeting

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Cler.

December 10*th* 1787

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline,

Mr. John Goddard being chosen moderator

The Rev'd Joseph Jackson was chosen a Delagate to Represent this Town in a Conven- of Delegates from the Towns in this state at the state house in Boston, on the Second Wednesday of Jan. next, for the purpose of taking under consideration the Form of Government for ye United States

Voted, to abate Mr. S. Hills Taxes the year 1785

Voted that the matter in Regard to the Bondmen for the maintenance of Martha Morean be Referrd for the present

Voted, that this Meeting be Dissolved

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Cler

Monday March 17*th* 1788

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House Col. Thomas Aspinwall being choosen

Moderator; the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to serve as Town Officers the year Ensuing Viz.

Voted, that three persons be chosen to Serve the Town as Selectmen the year ensuing; and that they be chosen together,

Capt'n Moses White, Lieut. Samuel Croft. and Mr. Samuel Clark was chosen selectmen

Step'n Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

William Aspinwall Esq'r was chosen Town Treasurer

Mr. Samuel Griggs, was chosen a Surveyor of the highways for the north District

Mr. John Goddard for the middle district

Mr. Thadd's Jackson for the South District

Mr. Nathaniel Winchester for the fourth District

Mr. Joseph Goddard, & Capt Moses White were chosen Fence viewers

Mr. Artemas Woodward was chosen Surveyor of Boards Shingles, and Wood

Mr. Ebenezer Weeb, and Mr. Joshua Griggs were chosen Field Drivers

Mr. Joseph Woodward Jun. & Mr. Sam. Winchester chosen Hogreaves

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Clerk of the Market

Mr. Elhanan Winchester was chosen Sealer of Leather

Mr. Daniel Dana and Mr. Artemas Woodward, were chosen weighers of Bread, and Directed to Govern & Regulate themselves by the Boston Standard

Mr. Daniel Dana, Mr. E. Kitchen Wolcott and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen a committee to Inspect the Town and School Treasurer's accounts, and to Report the State thereof to the Town at next may meeting

Col. Aspinwall & Lieut. Croft were chosen Firewards

Voted, to hire a constable & Collector of Taxes

Step'n Sharp offers to Serve as constable and Collector of Taxes for nine pence on the pound, on all Rates he Shall Collect, the Town accept his offer, and he was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

Mr. Ebenezer Davis was chosen Tithing man

Monday April 7 1788.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor and Lieut. Governor for the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six Senetor for the County of Suffolk the Inhabitants brought in their Votes viz.

For a Governor, Twenty eight Votes for his Excellency John Hancock

For a Lieut. Governor 24 Votes for Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r
6 for the Hon. Samuel Addams Esq'r

For Senetors 30—for the Hon. Wm. Phillips Esq'r
30—for the Hon Cotton Tufts Esq'r
30—for the Hon Step'n Medcalf Esq'r
30—for the Hon. Sam'el Addams Esq'r
29—for the Hon. Elijah Dunbar Esq'r
26—for the Hon. Thomas Dors Esq'r
3—for the Hon. Wm. Heath Esq'r
2—for the Hon. Benjamin Austin Esq'r

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator,

Mr. Enoch Corey was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the Middle District in Room of Mr. John Goddard who declind Serv.

Voted, that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed, to allow four Shillings pr. Day pr. man for work at the highways the present year

Voted, That the Sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised for Repairing the Highways the Current year.

Voted that three Quarters of the Highways Tax, be worked out before the first Day of July and the Remaining Quarter before the first day of October, and if any Person Shall neglect to work out his Proportion of Sd Tax before Said, that the Surveyor be impowered (& he is hereby impowered) to Employ other persons to work out Such Delinquents Taxes; and give them Receipts for the Same: which Shall be Received for their Town Tax, and Those who Neglect to work out their Highway Tax Shall be Obliged to pay the Same in Money to the Collector of the Town for Sd year for the Use of the Town

Voted. that the Selectmen be Directed to Engage the Present School Master to keep School in the School House in the middle of the [Town] for a year. if he will Engage for the Same Wages pr. month ; he Did the last Winter.

Voted that John Harris Tert's Collector for the year 1787. be Directed and he is hereby Directed forthwith, to Collect and pay in to the Town Treasurer, the Remaining part of the Tax for the purpose of paying the Rev'd Joseph Jackson his stated Sallary

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned without Day — and was adjourned accordingly

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline the 12th Day of May 1788.

Voted. to choose some Person to Represent this Town in the General Court the Present year the Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Representative and upon counting the same it appeared that Mr. John Goddard was chosen to Represent this Town in the Great and General court of this Commonwealth the Present year

Then Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted to Raise the sum of ninety Six pounds nineteen Shillings to pay Mr. John Goddard — and that the Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed to pay Mr. Goddard the above Sum of ninety Six pounds nineteen Shillings, out of the Money that remains in the Collectors hands if their Shall so much Remain after paying of the orders already given out by the Selectmen and other Debts the Taxes were assessed to pay, and if their Shall not so much Remain, to make up Said Sum Out of the first Money that Shall be Collected of the next Tax

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred and twenty Pounds be Raised on Polls, Real, and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants, of this Town, and nonresident Possessors, for the Purpose of Defraying the charges of the Town the Current year — Voted that Doct'r Aspinwall may Erect a Hospital on his own Farm, for the purpose of inoculating with the Small Pox, and that the Town approve of the Sd Aspinwall to take the charge of Sd Hospital, Observing the Directions of the Law Relating thereto

Voted that this Town will Join the Towns in the upper part of this county, in Petitioning the General Court to be set of in a Separate County by themselves, then the meeting was Dissolved

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

December 18. 1788.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for some Person in the County of Suffolk to Represent the People of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, and also to give in their Votes for two Persons as Candidates for an Elector of the President and Vice President of the United States, the Inhabitants brought in their Votes to the Selectmen Viz, for a Representative.

Seventeen Votes for Sam'el Allen Otis Esq'r

Six - - - - - Fisher Ames Esq'r

For candidates for an Elector of President and Vice President

Twenty one Votes for Jabes Fisher Esq'r

Seventeen for James Bowdoin Esq'r

Four for Samuel Addams Esq'r

Then Maj. Moses White was chosen Moderator

The Selectmen ware chosen a Committee to renew the Jury Box.

Voted that Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall have Liberty and he is hereby Granted Liberty to Continue Inoculating with the Small Pox as Usual

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Send Ann White Daughter of the late Ebenez'r White on to Worcester the Town where She was Born to be maintained

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline March 16. 1789.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warnd & assembled according to Law Mr John Goddard being chosen Moderator; the Town proceeded to the choice of the following Persons to serve as Town officers the year insuing Viz

Voted to choose three Selectmen te Serve the Town ye insuing year

Selectmen Maj'r Moses White, Capt'n Sam'el Croft & mr. Sam'el Clark were chosen Selectmen

Town Clerk Step'n Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Town Treas'r Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r was chosen Town Treasurer

Constable Mr. Edward K. Wolcott offers to serve the Town as Constable & and Collector of Taxes, for Eleaven pence half penny on ye pound on all Taxes. he shall collect & was accordingly chosen Constable & Collector of Taxes

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Jonathan Dana, was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District Mr. Benjamin White for the Middle District, Mr. Elijah Child for the South District Mr. John Corey for the New District

Fence Viewers Mr. Joseph Goddard & Mr. John Harris Jun. were chos'n Fence view's

Surveyors of Boards Shingles & Wood Mr. Eleaz'r Baker was chosen Surveyor of Boards & Shingles, Col. Thomas Aspinwall was chosen surveyor of Wood.

Field Drivers. Mr. Joshua Griggs & Mr. Benj'n Davis were chosen Field Drivers

Clerk of Market Mr. Eleaz'r Baker was Chosen Clerk of the Market

Leather Sealer. Mr. Step'n Hersey was chosen Sealer of Leather

Bread Weighers. Mr. Artemas Woodward, & Mr. Daniel Dana, chosen Bread weighers.

Voted that the Bread weighers. Govern & Regulate themselves in regard to their office by the Boston Standard

Hogreaves. Mr. Ezra Jackson & Mr. John How

Firewards Col. Thom's Aspinwall. & Capt'n Sam'el Croft

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Receive the Legacy (in the hands of Deac'n David Weld of Roxbury) left by the late Miss Loring to Nehemiah Davis, and give their Receit for the Same & apply the same to the Support of Sd Nehemiah

Voted that the article in the Warrant, in Regard to Nehemiah Davis be Referred to April Meeting.

Committee to Examin accounts Step'n Sharp, Mr. Edw'd K. Wolcott, and Mr. John Goddard were chosen a Committee to examin the Town and School Treasurers accounts & Report the State thereof at may meeting.

Mr. John Heath. Col. Thom's Aspinwall Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Maj'r Moses White and Mr. Gulliver Winchester were chosen a Committee to Examine the Pound, and report the State thereof at the next Town Meeting

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for a County Treasurer and upon counting the Same. their appeared to be Twenty Votes for Thom's Crafts Esq'r

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned til the first monday in April next — and was adjourned accordingly

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Mond'y April 6. 1789

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House for the purpose of choosing a Governor & Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. & Six persons for Senators for the District of Suffolk.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes. Viz

For a Governor

21 Votes for his Excellen'y John Hancock Esq'r

7 " " " Excellency James Bowdoin Esq'r

For a Lient. Gover'r

17 Votes for the Hon'l Sam'el Addams Esq'r
11 " " Hon'r Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r

For Senators

22 Votes for the Hon'le Sam'el Addams Esq'r
23 " " the Hon'le William Phillips Esq'r
21 " " the Hon'le Thom's Daws Esq'r
23 " " the Hon'le Cotton Tufts Esq'r
23 " " the Hon'le Stephen Medcalf Esq'r
16 " " the Hon'le Elijah Dunbar Esq'r
10 " for John Reed Esq'r

Then Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator Voted to Raise the Sum of Eighty pounds to Repair the highways the current year

Voted. that a Grammer School Master be Hired to keep the School in the middle of the Town through the year

Then the meeting was Dissolv'd

Attest Steph'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 14. 1789

at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, at the Meeting House.

The Selectmen being Moderators

Voted to Send some Person to Represent this Town in the Great and General court the ensuing year

Mr. John Goddard was chosen to Represent this Town in a great and General Court to be convend and held for the Government Service at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday in may next

Voted to Raise the Sum of two hundred and thirty pounds on Polls, Real and Personal Estates, of the Inhabitants and non: residents possessors, for the purpose of paying back Debts and Defraying the necessary charges of the Town the present year

Voted to Raise the Sum of one hundred pounds to pay Capt'n Sam'el Croft in part of his Bond

Voted, that Doct'r Aspinwall Continue to innoculate with the small pox as usal –– then the meeting was Desolv'd

attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

August 31, 1789.

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and Assembled according to Law

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted to hire a Collector of Taxes for the present year in Room of Edward K. Wolcott who Declines Serving

Joshua Griggs offers to serve as Collect'r of Taxes for the present year for one Shilling on a pound, the Town accept his offer and choose him for their Collect'r of Taxes for the present year

Voted that the Treasurer be Directed & he is hereby Directed to issue his Execution against John Harris Jun. Collect'r for the year 1787. for the Deficiency of his Collections, by the Tenth Day of Sept'r next and make it Returnable in thirty Days if the Law will admit, if not as soon as it will admit, then this meeting was adjournd till the third monday in Oct'r next at three a clock in the afternoon

Attest

Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Octob'r 19. 1789

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from 31st of aug'st last

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed & he is hereby Directed to govern himself in Regard to paying out money according to the Votes of the Town pas'd the 12 of may 1788

Voted. that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby

Directed, to buy the Rev'd Joseph Jackson's wood for the present year, on the most Reasonable terms they can,

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed to Direct the present School Master, not to instruct any Children from any adjacent Town, the number of Schollars that attend belonging to this Town being Sufficient to Require all his attention

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline March 15th 1790

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, warnd and Assembled according to Law.

Col. Thomas Aspinwall being chosen Moderator, the Town proceeded to the Choice of the following persons to Serve as Town Officers they year Ensuing, Viz

Voted to choose three Selectmen to Serve the Town the Ensuing Year

Select:men Maj'r Moses White Capt'n Sam'el Croft & Mr. Sam'el Clark were chosen Selectmen.

Town Clerk Step'n Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Fence Viewers Mr. Joseph Goddard & Mr. John Harris Jun'r were chosen Fence Viewers

Town Treasurer William Aspinwall Esq'r was Chosen Town Treasurer

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Ebenez'r Davis was Chosen Surveyor of the highway for the North District. Mr. Ebenez'r White for the Middle District, Mr. Ebenez'r Weeb for the South Distrist Mr. Abijah Child for the New District

Surveyor of Lumb'r Mr. Eleaz'r Baker was chosen Surveyor of Lumber

Tithingmen Mr. Eben Davis & Mr. Sam'el Clark were chosen Tithingman

Sealer of Leather Mr. Step'n Hersey was chosen Sealer of Leather

Measurer of Wood Col. Aspinwall was chosen Measurer of Wood

Clark of ye Market Mr. E. K. Wolcott was chosen Clerk of the Market

Hogreaves Mr. Lot thair, & Mr. Jonathan Jackson chosen Hogreaves

Field Drivers Mr. Ben Davis & Mr. Eben. White chosen Field drivers

Firewards Col: Aspinwall & Capt'n Croft chosen Firewards.

Voted, to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Voted, that the hireing a Constable and Collector of Taxes be Refered til April Meeting

Mr. Edward K. Wolcott Steph'n Sharp & Mr. Isaac S. Gardner were chosen a Committee to Examine the Town Treasurers and School Treasurer's Accounts

Voted. to Raise the Sum of Eighty pounds to Repair the Highways the Ensuing year

Voted. that Mr. Caleb Craft. Mr. John Goddard and Col Aspinwall. be a Committee, to take under consideration what is best to be done in Regard to Schools & School houses and Report their Opinion thereon at the next Town meeting

Voted. that the article in the Warrant in Regard to Granting Doct'r Aspinwall Liberty to Innoculate with the Small pox as usual, be Refer'd til April meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjournd til monday the fifth Day of April next at two a Clock in the Afternoon

and was adjournd accordingly Attest

Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 5th 1790

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Said Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor & Lieutenant Governor, for the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Six Persons for Counsellors for the District of Suffolk the Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz

For a Governor

19. Votes for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r
8 " for the Hon'le James Bowdoin Esq'r

For a Lieutenant Governor

26. Votes for his Honour Samuel Addams Esq'r

For Counsellors

24 Votes for the Hon'le Stephen Medcalf Esq'r
23 " for the Hon'le William Phillips Esq'r
22 " for the Hon'le Cotton Tufts Esq'r
19 " for the Hon'le Thomas Daws Esq'r
18 " for the Hon'le Thomas Russel Esq'r
14 " for the Hon'le Benjamin Austin Esq'r
13 " for the Hon'le William Heath Esq'r
9 " " " James Bowdoin Jun Esq'r
1 " John Read Esq'r
1 " Thomas Clark Esq'r

Attest Steph'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 5th 1790

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Brookline by adjournment from the 15th Day of March Last

Col'n Thomas Aspinwall being Moderator

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Suffolk, upon counting the Same their appear'd to be Twenty three Votes for Thomas Crafts Esq'r

Constable & Collect'r of Taxes Mr. Joshua Griggs offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year for Eight pence one Farthing on the Pound on all Taxes he Shall Collect

The Town accept his offer & choose him accordingly

Voted. to Repair the School house in the middle of the Town.

Voted, not to keep a School in the middle of the Town thro the Summer Season

Voted. to keep a Womans School at the Lower end of the Town from the 15 of May next to the 15. of September following

Voted, that the Select men be Directed and they are hereby Directed, to Asses the Sum that Shall be Granted and agreed upon by the Town at next may meeting and Deliver a list of Said Assesment to the Collector, in two months from the First Day of May next, and if the Collector Shall not Collect and pay in to the Town Treasurer, the whole of said list, in Seven months after Receiving the Same, the Treasurer is Directed to Issue his Execution against him for the Deficiency

Voted that a Womans School be kept in the upper End of the Town for the term of four months from the Fifteenth Day of may next.

Voted that Docter Aspinwall Continue to Innoculate with the Small Pox as usual

Voted that the Surveyors of the highways be Directed and they are hereby Directed to Govern themselves in regard to working out the highway Rate by a Vote of the Town for that purpose pas'd the Seventh Day of april 1788, and that they make a Return of their Lists to the Assessors by the 15th Day of October next.

Voted that this meeting be adjournd to the Second Wednesday in may next at two a Clock in this place

and was adjournd accordingly

Brookline May 12. 1790.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

The Select : men being moderators

Voted to Send a Representative

Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r was chosen to Represent this Town in the Great and General Court the Insuing year.

Then Col. Thomas Aspinwall was chosen moderator

Voted to Raise the Sum of two hundred and Fifty Pounds on Polls Real & Personal Estates of the Inhabitants and on Nonresident possessors, for the purpose of paying back Debts, and Defraying the necessary charges of the Town the present year

Voted to Raise the Sum of one Hundred pounds on Polls, Real and personal Estates of the Inhabitants and on Nonresident possessors, for the purpose of paying Maj'r Moses White his note

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed, to issue his Execution against Stephen Sharp Collector for the year one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight. by the Fifteenth Day of july next, for the Deficiency of his Collections

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed to Issue his Execution against Joshua Griggs Collector for one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine, for the Deficiency of his Collections, by the first Day of November next

Voted to Excuse Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r from Serving as Town Treasurer.

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be given to Wm. Aspinwall Esq'r for his Services as Town Treasurer for a number of years past.

Voted that the Assessors be Directed, and they are hereby Directed to ad Such Sums as were not work'd out in the highway Rates for the years 1788 and 1789, in with the Deficient persons highway Rate for the present year to be work'd out according to the Directions of the present Surveyors, and if Said sums shall not be work'd out this present year, to be Returnd by the Surveyors to the Selectmen, in order that Said Deficient Sums may be Collected agreeable to a Vote of the Town for that purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjournd without Day

Then was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

October 4th 1790.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warnd and Assembled according to Law.

The Selectmen presiding at Said meeting

The Inhabitants gave in their Votes for a person to Represent the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the Congress of the United States, as follows Viz.

Twenty four Votes for Fisher Ames Esq'r

Then Col. Thomas Aspinwal was chosen Moderator

Voted, that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed to Buy Mr. Jackson's Wood for the present year on the most Reasonable terms they can.

Voted not to keep School in the School House in the middle of the Town the ensuing Winter.

Voted. to keep one School in the upper part of the Town Called the middle District, and one School in the lower part of the Town for the term of Five months Each from the first Day of November next.

Capt'n John Dean. Mr. Isaac S. Gardner, and Mr. William Ackers were chosen a Committee to provide a House to keep School in, in the upper part of the Town five months from the 1st of Nov'r next. William Aspinwall Esq'r Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, and Mr. Daniel Dana were chosen a committee to provide a House to keep School in five months from the first Day of Nov'r next in the lower part of the Town

Voted, that Doct'r William Aspinwall have liberty and he is hereby Granted liberty to Ennoculate with the Small Pox as Usal.

Mr. Eleazer Baker, Maj'r Moses White and William Aspinwall Esq'r were chosen a Committee to Draught a plan for a School House and to Estemate the Cost of Building the Same, and Report their Judgment thereon at the next Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Desolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Decem'r 16. 1790.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline. Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator.

Voted to Direct the Town Treasurer to Loan the Old Paper Currency that belongs to the Town.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Rev'd Mr. Jackson's, where being meet.

Where being meet. Voted to Direct the Select men to Isue a Warrant for calling a Town Meeting to see Whether the Town will do any thing in Regard to Schools or School Houses.

then this meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Decem'r 23. 1790

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Maj'r Moses White was chosen Moderator.

Voted to Build a School House

Voted that sd School House be built near where the late Deacon Joseph White's Dwelling House Stands.

Voted not to Build a School House in the middle of the Town—

Voted. that the School House above Voted, and the School House lately Built in the lower part of the Town, be Equally paid for by the Town.

Voted. to Raise the Sum of one Hundred and thirty Pounds for the purpose of Defraying the charges of Building Said two School-houses.

Voted that the sum of one hundred & thirty pounds above Voted, be Raised on the Valuation of Estates taken the first Day of May last.

Maj'r Moses White. mr. Caleb Gardner and mr. Isaac S. Gardner, were chosen a committee to provide a Spot, and Build a School House thereon in the upper part of the Town

then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Step'n Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline ss Monday March 14. 1791

The Inhabitants of this Town being assembled at the Meeting House pursuant to Warrant and Notification, Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator.

The Town proceeded to the choice of the Following Persons to serve as Town officers the year ensuing, namely

Town Clerk. Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

upon the Question whether the number of Selectmen for the year ensuing shall be five or three it was Voted that the Number be three and that they be chosen all together.

Select men Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Mr. Caleb Craft and Mr. Ebenezer Davis were chosen Select. men.

Fence Viewers Mr. Robert Sharp and Mr. John Harris Jun'r were chosen Fence Viewers

Town Treas'r Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Surveyors of Highways Capt'n Timothy Corey was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District. Mr. Wm. Hyslops Jun'r for the middle District, Mr. Caleb Craft for the South District, and Mr. Nathaniel Winchester for the fourth District.

Surveyor of Lumber Mr. Artemas Woodward was chosen Surveyor of Lumb'r

Tithingmen Mr. Ebenez'r Davis and Mr. William King were chosen Tithing men

Leather Seal'r Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Surveyor of Wood Col. Thom's Aspinwall was chosen Surveyor of Wood

Mr. Eleazer Baker was chosen Clerk of the Market.

Hogreaves Mr. Benjamin Davis and Mr. Ebenezer Heath were chosen Hogreaves

Field drivers Mr. Joshua Griggs, and Mr. Solomon Child were chosen Fielddrivers

Firewards Col. Thomas Aspinwall and Mr. John Heath were chosen Firewards.

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

Constabl' Mr. Ebenez'r Davis offers to serve Constable and Collector of Taxes the ensuing year for one shilling on the pound, on all Taxes he shall Collect.

The Town accept his offer and make choice of him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Voted, not to excuse Mr. John Harris Jun'r from working at the Highways

Doct'r Wm. Aspinwall Mr. John Heath and Mr. Edward K. Wolcott, were chosen a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts and School Treasurers accounts and Report to the Town the State thereof at next may meeting,

Voted, to abate Capt'n John Dean's Taxes for the yr 1788

Doct'r William Aspinwall, Mr. Daniel Dana and Mr. John Harris Jun'r were chosen a Committee to take under Consideration whether or no any part of Mr. Joseph Goddards Taxes for the year 1790. ought to be abated, and Report their Judgment thereon to the Town at next April meeting.

Voted, to abate Mr. Thaddeus Hides Taxes for the years 1787–1788 and 1790.

Then the Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, Namely, thirteen Votes for Joshua Henshaw Esq'r four Votes for Samuel Barret Esq'r four Votes for Samuel Ruggles Esq'r one Vote for Elkanah Hawks Esq'r one Vote for Thomas Clark Esq'r

Then the meeting was Dissolved.

Brookline April 4th 1791.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor for the commonwealth of Massachusetts and Six persons for Counsellors, or Senators for the District of Suffolk.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz

For a Governor

16 Votes for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r

For a Lieutenant Governor

15 Votes for his Hon'r Samuel Addams Esq'r

For Senators

17 Votes for the Hon William Phillips Esq'r
17 “ “ “ Hon Thomas Daws Esq'r
17 “ “ Hon William Heath Esq'r
17 “ “ Hon Cotton Tufts Esq'r
15 “ “ Hon Benjamin Austin Jun'r Esq'r
14 “ “ Hon Stephen Medcalf Esq'r
5 “ “ Thomas Russel Esq'r

Then Col Thomas Aspinwall was chosen Moderator

Voted, that Doct'r William Aspinwall have Liberty and he is hereby Granted Liberty to Innoculate with the Small pox as Usual

Mr. Edward K. Wolcot was chosen Surveyor of Wood in Room of Col. Thomas Aspinwall who Declined Serving

Voted that the sum of three shillings pr Day for a Man and three shillings pr Day for a Team, be allowed for working at the Highways

Voted that the Sum of Sixty pounds be Raised to Repair the Highways the Ensuing year

Voted, that the Surveyors of the Highways be Directed and they are hereby Directed to Govern themselves in regard to working out the highway Lists, agreeable to a Vote of the Town pased in April 1788, and that they make a return of their Lists to the Assessors by the 15. Day of October next,

Voted, that the Selectmen be Directed and they are hereby Directed to warn out all Residents within said Town agreeable to a late Law concerning warning out Residents passed by the General Court in June 1789, and that the Inhabitants of said Town be directed to give Seasonable Notice of all Such Persons as may be Received into their Families or Town agreeable to Law, — otherwise they will Suffer the penalties thereof.

Stephen Sharp and Mr. John Goddard were chosen a Committee, to Join the Selectmen in taking a new Valluation of the Town

Voted, that Mr. Edward K: Wolcott. Mr. John Harris Jun'r and Mr. Nathaniel Winchester were chosen a Committee to View the Pound and Report their Opinion thereon at may Meeting

Voted to Repair the School House in the middle of the Town,— Mr. John Goddard Mr. Nathaniel Winchester & Mr. Samuel Clark were chosen a Committee to Repair the School House in the middle of the Town.

Voted to keep a mans School in the School house in the middle of the Town Six months from the first Day of May next

Voted, that the above Committee chosen in Conjunction with the Select: men to take a Valuation of the Town, be impowered, and they are hereby impowered and Directed, to measure at the cost of the Town, all such Farms, or Pieces of Land, as in their Judgment Contain more than is given in by the Owner or Occupier

Then the Meeting was Dissolv'd

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 12th 1791

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

Voted to Send a Representative

William Aspinwall Esq'r was chosen to Represent this Town in the General Court the Ensuing Year.

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

the Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk. Viz Eighteen Votes for Joshua Henshaw Esq'r four for Sam'el Ruggles Esq'r

Voted to Raise the Sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds on

Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants, and Nonresident Possessors, to pay the arrearages of last years accounts and Defray the charges of the Town the Current year

Voted that one half the above Sum be Collected and paid into the Treasury by the first Day of Nov'r next, and the other half by the first Day of Feb'y next and if not pd by the first Day of Feb'y, the Treasurer is Directed to give out his Execution for the Deficiency

July 25th 1791,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator

The Select men were chosen to Collect and Sort the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and upon Counting the same their appeared to be Twelve Votes for Joshua Henshaw Esq'r

Voted that the article in the Warrant in Regard to Dividing the County be refered to the next Town Meeting

The Rev'd Joseph Jackson, William Aspinwall Esq'r and Mr. John Goddard were chosen to Examin the Schools on the last Wednesday in Octob'r Next, and on the last Wednesday in Every Quarter through the year

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day and was adjournd accordingly

Monday Aug't 15th 1791

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator

The Selectmen were chosen a Committee to collect Sort and count the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and upon counting the Same it appeared that Mr. Henry Alline had Fourteen Votes

Voted that the Selectmen and Committee appointed to take a new valuation be Directed to govern themselves by a Vote of the Town pased June 5th 1780.

Voted that the Assessors be Directed to govern themselves as the Law Directs in regard to Taxing money and Plate

Voted that Such persons as have had their Land measured leave a certificate thereof with the Town Clerk by monday next

Voted that the article in the warrant in Regard to Dividing the County be Refered to Some Futer Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned without Day and was adjourned accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

then Voted, that Stephen Sharp Town Treasurer be Directed & he is hereby Directed to Sell the United States Notes, which were Rec'd for the Old Continental Paper Money. belonging to this Town, when he can sell the same for twenty shillings on the pound and pay the proceeds to the School Treasurer so far as it will go towards Discharging the Towns Debt to the School Committee

December 27 1791

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally Assembled

Col Thomas Aspinwall being chosen Moderator

The question was taken "Shall this Town Agree that the County of Suffolk be Divided in the manner Requested by the Petitioners & Negatived Unanimously.

Then William Aspinwall Esquire Stephen Sharp and Mr. Daniel Dana were Chosen to State the Towns Objections &c and Report at the next Town Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the third Day of January next at the House of Mr. Thomas White at Six a Clock in the Evening and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

January 3d 1792

The Inhabitants being meet at the House of Mr. Thomas White according to adjournment Dec'r 27t 1791

Col. Thomas Aspinwall being Moderator

The Towns Committee chosen the 27 December 1791 to State the Towns Objections against the Division of the County of Suffolk Report Viz

1st That it is the Opinion of this Town that the Division of a Commonwealth into small Counties is Impolitick & attended with Disadvantages Greater than the Inconveniences it is meant to Remedy

2ly That the Division of the County of Suffolk would be a president to Divide Other Counties in the Commonwealth which may perhaps have as great a claim to a Division.

3ly That by the Division of a County an Additional number Houses to transact Business in, will be Required therefore if a Commonwealth is Divided into Small Counties, the whole Expense of Such Commonwealth, for the judicatory Department will be Proportionably Increased.

4ly That the Division of a County Requires an Additional number of Officers and the Business of a County being Divided with said County, the Annual amount of Fees to the Officers will be proportionably Lesened.

for these Reasons it will be Difficult to obtain a Sufficient number of Men of Ability and Integrity to fill the Offices of Judges & Justices and they will Improve less by Experience, Consequently Business will not be transacted in the Courts of Justice so much to the Honour of the Commonwealth nor judiciously for the benefit of the Inhabitants. — And the annual amount of the fees of Office being insufficient for the support of the Officers, they must necessarily attend to some other Business and of Course Inattention and Nonattendance will take place in the Several Offices to the Great Injury of the Inhabitants

5ly That if a new County is Created out of the County of Suffolk the remaining part of the County will be burthened with an Additional Weight of Taxes & Service Greatly to their Injury

6ly That a Division of the County of Suffolk agreable to the Prayer of the Petitioners (on account of their distance from the Shire Town) will be but a partial remedy to that Greivance in the County, for the Towns in the Southeast part of the County are many of them at a greater Distance from Boston than some of those proposed to be included in the new County of Union

7ly That if the Petitioners *by their Complaint of being burthened with Taxes which might be lesened"* meant to allude to the Great Expense which arises to the County for the maintenance of Criminals in Boston Goal, so great a Space of time before their trial (as we presume they did, and we Ourselves acknowledge to be an Evil the whole County has Reason to lament) yet for the Petitioners to seek for a Division upon this account and to throw the whole Burthen (which they are unwilling to bear part of) upon the shoulders of the Remaining part of the County, is Ungenerons and Injurious to the Remaining part — — and we judge that the Institution of Courts to try those Criminals at Short periods (Except in Cases of Capital Offences) Would greatly lessen this Expense

8ly That whatever weight may be allowed to these arguments of the Petitioners, Viz that they are Subjected to great Delays and Expences by the trial of Causes merely Maritime & that their Disputes in Law are Submitted (are submitted) to Men, totally unacquainted with the Affairs of Inland Towns" will apply with Equal force to Every other Country Town in the County & therefore if the County is Divided upon this principal the *Division* ought to be at the Boundary line betwixt Boston and the Country.

That it is the Opinion of this Town if a Division of the County of Suffolk Should ever take place that the line of Division Should be Drawn betwixt Boston and the Country Towns.

The report was Unanimously accepted and the following Vote passed,

That the Town Clerk be Directed and he is hereby Directed to transmit by the Representative of this Town, to the Honourable General Court of this Commonwealth, at their next Session in Boston, a Copy of the Towns proceeding & Objections to the Prayer of the Petitioners for a Division of the County of Suffolk

Then the Meeting was Adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline January 26th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Warnd and Assembled according to Law.

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted that this Town Object against Building a Bridge from west Boston to Cambridge across Charleses River

Voted that William Aspinwall Esq'r and the Selectmen be a Committee to Petition to the General Court in behalf of the Town against Building a Bridge from West Boston to Cambridge across Charles River

Voted that the article in the Warrant in Regard to the Pound be refered to the next Town Meeting

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Suffolk ss

To Mr. Ebenezer Davis Constable of the Town of Brookline in the County of Suffolk, Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Directed to warn and give notice unto Samuel Estabrooks of Lexington in the County of middlesex Labourer, Isaiah Dunster in the State of New hampshire in the County of Hillsborough Labourer, Abijah Man and Ebenezer Bird, both of Needham in the

County of Suffolk Labourers. Mary Abbot of Dover Abigail Marifield and Susanna Baccus of Dorchester in the County of Suffolk, Lot Goldthwait, Jacob Goldthwait and Phineas Howard of Stoughton Labourers, and Rachel Nash of Boston in the County of Suffolk, Prudence Heath, Sarah Brown Wid'w Ann Tucker and Abigail Farrah of Roxbury in the County of Suffolk, Abigail Jackson, Wid'w Sarah Jackson, and Elizabeth Abrams from Boston in the County of Suffolk, Sarah Jewett of Rowley in the County of Essex. James Jones of Westown George Bribner of Cambridge, Nathan Craft of Newtown. Joel Seaverns of Westown all in the County Middlesex Labourers, Samuel Winchester (with Samuel, Martha, William and Jonathan his Children) of Ashbernham in the County of Worcester.

Who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having Obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they Depart the Limits thereof (with their children, and others under their care) within fifteen Days—and of this precept with your doings thereon, you are to make Return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming that such Further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Directs

Given under Our hands and Seals at Brookline aforesaid this twenty seventh Day of Feb. 1792

Caleb Craft — Selectmen of
Isaac S. Gardner — Brookline

Suffolk SS — *Brookline March 1st* 1792

By Virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have Warnd the aforenamed Persons to Depart the limits of said Town.

Ebenezer Davis Constable

Brookline March 5th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator, and the Town proceeded to the choice of the following Persons to serve as Town officers the Year ensuing namely

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to the School-house in the middle of the Town immediately where being meet

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to make the Town Clerk a Reasonable allowance for his Service.

Upon the Question whether the number of Selectmen for the year ensuing shall be five or three. it was Voted that the number be three accordingly

Select men Mr. Caleb Craft, Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen Selectmen

Town Treas'r Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Fence Viewers Mr. Edward K. Wolcott and Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen Fence Viewers

Surveyors of Highways Mr. William King was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the north District

Mr. John Goddard for the middle District

Mr. Solomon Child and Mr. Jonathan Trul for the South District

Surveyor of Lumber Mr. Artemas Woodward was chosen Surveyor of Lumber

Tithingmen Mr. Ebenezer Davis and Mr. Joshua Griggs were chosen Tithingmen

Sealer of Leather Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Surveyor of Wood Col Thomas Aspinwall was chosen Surveyor of Wood

Clerk of the market Mr. John How was chosen Clerk of the market

Field Drivers Mr. Benjamin Davis and Mr. Elijah Child were chosen Fielddrivers.

Hogreaves Mr. Samuel Slack and Mr. Ebenezer Arcs were chosen Hogreaves

Firewards Capt'n Samuel Croft and Mr. Jonathan Dana were chosen Firewards

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Constable Mr. Jonathan Dana Offers to Serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for eleaven pence on the Pound

The Town accept his Offer and make choice of him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

Auditors of Accounts William Aspinwall Esq'r Mr. Daniel Dana and Mr. John Goddard were chosen to Examin the Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts and to make Report of the State of the same at may meeting

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to Examin the State of the Pound, which is as follows.

The Committee appointed to View the State of the Pound have attended that service and make the following report this fifth Day of March 1792. Viz that the Pound is in such a Condition in its present situation, that it is necessary to pull the Old Wall. down and Rebuild it a new in the same place by adding more Stones' so as to make the wall four feet thick at the Bottom and two feet thick at the top, to Build said wall Seven feet and a half high with a piece of Timber as a cap all round the top of Said Wall, to have two gate Posts and a gate five feet wide properly hung with good hinges Clasps and Staples and a good Padlock to belong to said Pound, Your Committee Estemates the Expenses of Compleating said Pound at the sum of ten pounds Lawful money

Edw'd K. Wolcott John Harris Jun Committee

Mr. John Goddard Maj'r Moses White and Mr. John Heath were chosen a Committee to Build a Pound agreeable to the foregoing Report in the Spot where the Old Pound stands, or in some other place more suitable, and Compleat the same by the first Day of July next.

Voted that William Aspinwall Esq'r have liberty and he is hereby Granted liberty to Innoculate with the Small Pox as Usual

Voted, that this Meeting be adjournd to the first monday in April next, and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 2d 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Governor and Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Six persons for Senators for the District of Suffolk—the Selectmen being Moderators

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes Viz.

For a Governor

17 Votes for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r

1 Vote for the Hon Thom's Russel Esq'r

Lieut Governor—21 Votes for his Hon Sam'l Addams Esq'r

For Senators 24 Votes for the Hon William Heath
24 " " " " Cotton Tufts
21 " " " " Stephen Medcalf
24 " " " " Thomas Daws
23 " " " " Benjamin Austin
19 " " " " James Bowdoin
8 " " " " Charles Jarvis
3 " " " " Oliver Wendall
1 " " " " William Phillips
1 " " " " Caleb Davis
Esquires

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

The Inhabitants proceeded on the Business of the Town by adjournment from the 5th Day of march last.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Suffolk, and upon Counting the same their appeared to be twenty Votes for Thom's Crafts Esquire

Voted. to Raise the sum of one Hundred Pounds to repair the Highways the ensuing year.

Voted to rais the Sum of nine Pounds to purchase & Repair Tolls for the use of the, Highways and that said sum be assessed in the next Town Tax, to be Laid out at the Direction of the surveyors, and that each District Draw their proportionable part of said sum

Voted that the Select men be Directed and they are hereby Dirieted to Ingage a School master to keep school in the school house in the middle (middle) of the Town six months from the 15th Inst.

Mr. Ebenez'r Davis was chosen to serve on the committee for Building a Pound in room of Mr. John Goddard who Declin'd Serving.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 4th of April inst at four a clock in the afternoon in this place—Then the Meeting was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Thursday April 4th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from monday the 2d of April Inst—Mr. John Goddard being moderator

Selectmen Mr. Daniel Dana Mr. Jonathan Dana and Mr. John Harris Jun. were chosen Selectmen in room of Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Caleb Croft, and Ebenez'r Davis who were chosen the 5th march last and Declined Serving

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Brookline May 7th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — the Selectmen Being Moderators

Voted to send a Representative

Wm. Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Representative & Decl'd Serv'g

Mr. Caleb Craft was chosen Representative and Declind serving

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Representative and Declind serving

Stephen Sharp was chosen Representative and Declind serving

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Mr. Daniel Dana who was chosen a Selectman the 4th of April last Declind serving

Voted to choose three Selectmen in addition to the two already chosen

Mr. Joshua Griggs was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the north District in Room of Mr. Wm. King who Declind serving

Voted. that this Meeting be adjournd to Wednesday the 9th of May Inst at two a clock in the afternoon

and was adjournd accordingly

May 9th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of (of) the Town of Brookline by adjournment from the 7th Day of May Inst.

Mr. John Goddard was again chosen Representative

Mr. John Goddard being Moderator

Select men Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r and Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen Select men

Voted to Raise the sum of three Hundred pounds to Defray the charges of the Town the Current Year to be Collected and paid into the Treasury by the last Day of May next

Brookline Sept'r 10th 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r being Moderator

upon application of a Number of Inhabitants that their Houses may be appropriated as Hospitals to Innoculate with the small Pox

Voted that the selectmen be a Committee to appoint such Houses as in their Judgment are most suitable for Small Pox Hospitals, and that the time for Innoculating do not exceed the last of this month

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Nov'r 2d 1792

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the Purpose of choosing four Persons to Represent this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, also four Electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, the Inhabitants brought in their Votes to the Selectmen Viz

For Representatives

9 Votes for the Hon Benjamin Austin Jun for Suffolk
9 “ “ “ “ Benjamin Goodhue for Essex
9 “ “ “ “ Joseph B. Vernum “ Middlesex
9 “ “ “ “ James Bowdoin District
9 “ “ “ William Heath for the Commonwealth
Esquires

For Electors

9 Votes for his Hon. Samuel Addams
9 Votes for the Hon. Azor Arne
9 Votes for the Hon. William Heath
9 Votes for the Hon. Eleazer Brooks
7 Votes for the Hon. Thomas Daws
2 Votes for the Hon. Increase Sumner
Esquires

Then Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted that William Aspinwall Esquire have Liberty and he is hereby Granted Liberty to Innoculate with the Small Pox as Usual

then the Meeting was Dissolved.

January the 4th 1793.

The Inhabitants Brought in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Fedral Representative, upon counting the same their appeard to be.

26 Votes for the Hon. William Heath Esquire

Then Mr. Daniel Dana Was chosen Moderator

Voted to accept the Donation of William Hyslop Esquire for the purpose of Building a School House on, or near the spot where the Old School House in the middle of the Town stands

Voted, that the Town Sensibly imprest with the (the) great obligations they are under to William Hyslop Esquire, for his generous Donation for the purpose of Building a School House in said Town for the Incouragment and promotion of Learning among the Youth of the Rising Generation, Sincerely Return him their thanks.

Voted, that Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, Mr. John Heath and Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, be a Committee to Wait on William Hyslop Esq'r with a Copy of the above Vote, and thank him for his Generous Intentions.

Voted, that Mr. Ebenezer Davis be and he is hereby authorized to Receive such Donations from Wm. Hyslop Esquire, as he may be pleased to give for the purpose of Building a School House near the middle of the Town, on or near the spot where the Old School House now stands in such form and manner (as) as he with the Advice of Wm. Hyslop Esq'r may think proper.

Voted that the Selectmen for the time being be and they are hereby authorisce to move, or Dispose of the School House in the middle of the Town, as they in their Judgment see fit, til the further Order of the Town.

Voted that Wm. Aspinwall Esquire have Liberty and he is hereby Granted Liberty to Innoculate with the Small Pox as Usual

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Monday March 4th 1793

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline —Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator, and the Town proceeded to the choice of the Following persons to serve as Town Officers the Year Ensuing Namely

Town Clerk—Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Upon the Question whether the number of Selectmen for the present Year be five or three, it was Voted that the number be three, and chose all together—

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, Mr. Eben. Davis and Mr. Joseph Goddard, were chosen Selectmen and all Declind Serving

Select men Mr. John Goddard, Stephen Sharp and Capt. Timothy Corey were chosen Selectmen

Town Treas'r Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Fence Viewers Mr. Edward K. Wolcott & Mr. John Harris Jun were chosen Fence Viewers

Surveyors of Highways Mr. John How was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District, Mr. Daniel Price for the middle District, Mr. Thadd's Jackson & Mr. John Corey for the south District.

Surveyor of Wood & Lum Mr. Artemas Woodward was chosen Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

Leather Seal'r Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather.

Field driv's Mr. Elijah Child, and Mr. Benj'n Davis were chosen Fielddrivers

Hogreaves Mr. Elijah Child, and Mr. Jonas Tolman were chosin Hogreaves.

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Clerk of the market

Mr. Edward K. Wolcott. Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Wm. Aspinwall Esquire, were chosen a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts and the School Treasurers accounts.

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Constable Mr. John Harris Jun. offers to Serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling on the pound on all Taxes he shall Collect the Insuing Year and was chosen accordingly

Voted to Build a School House on or near the Spot where the Old School House Stands in the middle of the Town

Voted to raise the sum of Eighty pounds to Build a School House in the middle of the Town

Then Messieurs Ebenez'r Davis, Sam'l Clark, and Abijah Child were chosen a Committee to Build a School House in the middle of the Town

Voted this meeting be adjournd without Day and was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline March 18*th* 1793

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, at the House of Mr. Jonathan Dana,— Mr. John Goddard being chosen Moderator

Voted, to choose a Committee of three Persons to carry on the Lawsuit between this Town and Cambridge relative to Thaddeus Hide

Voted that John Goddard, Stephen Sharp, and Capt'n Timothy Corey be, and they are hereby Outhorised to carry on the Lawsuit between this Town and Cambridge relative to Thaddeus Hide, in Room of the Selectmen, for the last Year Viz, Jonathan Dana, John Harris Jun. Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, Ebenez'r Davis and Joseph Goddard, who were appointed by the Town for that purpose

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Monday April 1*st* 1793

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, in the County of Suffolk in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution of sd Commonwealth to Vote for

Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, the Said Meeting being warnd as the Said Constitution Directs. Votes for the following persons were Given in, counted and sorted, and Declaration thereof made as by the said Constitution is Directed. Viz

Governor

For his Excellency John Hancock	22 Votes
For the Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esqr's	1 Vote

Lieut Governor

For his Hon. Samuel Addams Esquire	26 Votes

Senators and Counsellors

For the Hon. James Bowdoin	27
Hon. Stephen Medcalf	27
For the Hon. William Heath	26 Votes
Hon. Thomas Daws	26
Hon. Benj'n Austin Jun.	23
Hon. Cotton Tufts	18
Hon. Ebenez'r Thair Jun.	10
Hon. Oliver Wendal	3
Hon. Thomas Russel Esquires	2

Then the Inhabitants gave in their Votes for a Representative, to Represent the first District Viz. Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex, in the Congress of the United States of America. Viz

For the Hon. Benjamin Austin Jun,	19 Votes
Hon. Samuel Holten Esquires	7

Then Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen Moderator & the Business of the Town was transacted as follows Viz.

Voted, that the Surveyors be Directed, and they are hereby Directed to allow six pence pr hour pr Man and Six pence pr hour pr Team while at Work on the Highways

Voted, to Raise the sum of one Hundred Pounds to Repair the Highways the present Year.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes, for a County Treasurer the same being Counted and sorted by the Moderator of the meeting, and the Town Clerk, there appeared to be for Thomas Crafts Esquire 21 Votes

Mr. Jonathan Dana was chosen Grand Juror for the year,

Voted, to keep a Gramer school through the summer season to the first Day of Nov'r next.

Voted. that the School Master divide his time Equally in the school House at the uper End of the Town and the school House in the Lower End of the Town, after the first Day of April next, until the School House in the middle of the Town is Compleated and fit to keep School in.

Voted, not to sell the whole of the Body seats in the Meeting House to Build Pews on.

Voted to sell one half the Body seats in Meeting House to Build Pews on Viz. a space for one Pew on the West end and a space for one pew on the East End of the Seats in the Body of the Meeting House

Voted that Said Spots for Pews be sold immediately at Vendue to the Highest bider

Voted that the money raised by the sale of said Spots for Pews be applied for the purpose of Building the school House in the middle of the Town.

Voted to choose a Committee to Inquire into the State of the Pews in the Meeting House

Doct'r Aspinwall, Mr. John Goddard and Mr. Caleb Craft were chosen a Committee to Inquire into the State of the wall Pews in the Meeting House.

Then the spot for a Pew at the West end of the Body seats was sold to Mr. Benjamin White for twenty three Pounds.

also a spot for a Pew at the East End of the Body seats was sold to Mr. John How for thirty three Pounds.

Voted that the Pews on said spots be Built Uniform to the Pews already Built in the Body of the Meeting House

Then the Meeting was adjournd without Day

Attest Stephen Sharp Clerk

Wednesday May 8th 1793

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — the Selectmen being Moderators

The Question being put whether this Town will choose a person to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Voted in the Negative.

Then Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee in regard to the Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts

Voted to Raise the sum of Three Hundred Pounds on Polls, Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants and Nonresident Possessors, for the purpose of paying Debts and Defraying the necessary charges of the Town the current Year

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed and he is hereby Directed to Issue his Execution against the Collector for the above Said Tax, if not Collected and pd into the Treasury by the first Day of May next

Voted that an abatement of Six pounds be made to Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Collector for 1781, on the Old Continental Paper money Tax, Provided he Settles Said Tax by the first Day of September next

Voted, that Mr. John Harris Jun. have liberty, and he is he is hereby Granted Liberty, to work out his Highway Rate, for the Present Year on his own Private way.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjornd without Day
and was Adjornd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Sept'r 11th 1793

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Norfolk the Selectmen Counted the same (who were chosen a Committee for that purpose) and there appeared to be Fourteen Votes Ebenezer Wright

A. M.

The Question being put, whether this Town will chose a Person to meet the Deligates from the Several Towns in the County of Norfolk, at Gays Tavern in Dedham, on Thursday the 12th Inst to Collect the Sentiments of the People of the County — Voted in the Negative

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned without Day — and was adjourned accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Septr 16*th* 1793

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Capt'n Timothy Corey being chosen Moderator

Voted to Petition to the General Court at their approaching Session for a reunion of this Town to the County of Suffolk.

The Select men were chosen a Committee to Petition to the General Court at their approaching session in behalf of this Town, for a Reunion to the County of Suffolk. — Mr. John Goddard Declind Serving, and William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen in his Room

Voted. to Support a School in the School House in the South part of this Town, for the same term of time that Schools are Supported in the School Houses in the North and west parts of the Town until the further Order of the Town,

Voted, to keep three Schools for the Term of Four months from the First Day of December next, Viz one School in the School House in the North part of the Town, one School in the School House in the west part of the Town, and one School in the School House in the South part of the Town

To the Hon'ble the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Gen'l Court Assembled at Boston September 18th 1793

The Petition of the Town of Brookline Humbly Shews

That the Town was always Opposed to a Division of Suffolk until the General Court were about to pass an Act to Divide the Said County and all the Country Towns that had been Opposed to Said Division, had agreed to unite in Petitioning to be set off from the County of Suffolk to the New County of Norfolk; by which division the Town of Brookline, would have been entirely Seperate, from the County of Suffolk (or Boston) by the Intervention of the Town of Roxbury.

Then the Inhabitants of the Town were in part Necessitated, by their Peticular local situation and induced by the Union of all the Country Towns, to join with them in a Petition to be Annexed to the County of Norfolk — The prayer of the Petitioners was Granted, Since which two of the Country Towns have at their Own Request been set of to the County of Suffolk, Several Other Towns have Voted at their Meetings to Petition the General Court to be Reunited to the County of Suffolk, and the Town of Roxbury is included in the number, by which Brookline will be entirely Separate from every part of the County of Norfolk — The Centre of said County (and very probably the Shire Town) will be Removed to a greater distance from us by a Reunion of the Towns near Boston to Suffolk, and we shall be United with but part of the Towns, with whom we Petitioned to be set of to the New County of Norffolk — therefore for these and many other obvious Reasons We Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that the Town of Brookline may be set of from the County of Norfolk and Reunited to the County of Suffolk, Provided that the Prayer of the other Petitioning Towns, (to be Rejoined to the County of Suffolk) shall be Granted

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Wm. Aspinwall Timothy Corey Stephen Sharp Committee in behalf of the Town of Brookline

a true Copy

Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline March 3d 1794

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator, and the Town proceeded to the choice of the following Persons to serve as Town Officers the Year ensuing Namely,

Upon the question, whether the number of Selectmen for the Year ensuing shall be five or three, it was voted that the number be three, and that they be chosen together — accordingly

Capt'n Timothy Corey, Stephen Sharp and Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, were chosen Select men, & Declined Serving

Stephen Sharp, was chosen Town Clerk,

Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, Mr. Samuel Clark and Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen Select men & Declined Serving

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Fence Viewers Mr. John Harris Jun Mr. Edward K. Wolcott

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Benjamin Davis for the North District

Mr. Caleb Gardner for the Middle District

Mr. Wm. Winchester for the South District

Mr. Daniel Descom for the New District

Field Drivers Mr. John Harris Jun & Mr. Robert Sharp

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber Mr. Wm. King

Sealer of Leather Mr. Jonas Tolman

Hogreaves Mr. Ebenezer Ayres Mr. David Hyslop & Mr. Thomas Persons.

Voted to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Mr. Samuel Slack offers to serve as Constable & Collector of Taxes for eleaven pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall Collect for the ensuing Year

Constable & Collector Mr. Samuel Slack was chosen Constable & and Collector of Taxes

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Wm. Aspinwall Esquire, and Mr. John Harris, were chosen a Committee to Settle Mr. John Corey's account against the Town for Boarding Alexander Mc intosh Deceased

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to Thursday next at one a Clock in this place

and was adjournd accordingly

Thursday March 6 1794. the Inhabitants being meet according to adjournment of march 3d Mr. John Goddard being Moderator.

Capt'n Timothy Corey. Mr. John Harris Jun'r and Mr. Nathaniel Winchester were chosen Select men

Isacc S. Gardner Esquire was chosen to serve on the School Committee in Room of Mr. John Goddard who Declined Serving

Stephen Sharp was chosen on the Committee for examining Schools, in room of Mr. John Goddard who Declind Serving—and Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Mr. Samuel Clark were chosen in addition to said Committee

William Aspinwall Esquire, Mr. Edward K. Wolcott and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, were chosen a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers, and School Treasurers accounts and to report the state of the same to the Town at April Meeting

Voted to Raise the sum of one hundred pounds to Repair the Highways the present Year

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day and was adjournd accordingly.

Brookline April 7th 1794

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, as the Constitution of the Commonwealth Directs, the Inhabitants brought in their votes as follows Viz.

For a Governor

27 Votes for his Hon'r Samuel Addams
2 - - the Hon'le William Cushing
1 - - Hon'el Elbridge Gerry Esquires

For a Lieutenant Governor

23 Votes for the Hon'el William Heath
4 - - - onle Moses Gill
2 - - for his Hon Samuel addams Esqrs

For Senators

23 Votes for the Hon'el William Heath
20 - - - - James Bowdoin
19 - - - - John Reid
4 - - - - Stephen Medcalf
2 - - - - Edward Robbins
1 - - - - Seth Bulard
1 - - - - Richard Cranck
1 - - - - Ebenezer Wales Esquires

Then Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted to Raise the Sum of three hundred and fifty pounds on polls, Real and personal Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, and on nonresident possessors, to Defray the necessary charges of the Town.

Voted that the Collector be directed, and he is hereby Directed to Collect and pay into the Treasury, one half the above sum by the last Day of November next, and the Remaining half by the first Day of May 1795—and that he have no abatements affter sd first Day of May.

William Aspinwall Esquire. Mr. John Goddard and Jonathan

Mayson Esquire, were chosen a Committee to Inquire into the mode of Taxing Woodland, agreeable to the last Tax act, and report their opinion thereon, to the Town at May meeting,—the Committee chosen the third day of march last, to Examin John Corey's account for keeping Alexander Mc intash, report that it is Just and reassonable for the Town to allow the same

Voted. that John Corey's Account for keeping Alexander Mc intash be allowed

Jonathan Jackson was chosen surveyor of the highways in Room of Caleb Gardner who Declind serving

Voted, that Doct'r William Aspinwall have liberty and he is hereby granted liberty, to cut a window in his pew in the meeting house at his own expence

Voted that Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, have liberty, and he is hereby granted liberty, to work out his highway Rate for the present year, on the Road Leading by his House.

Voted, to Continue the School in the Brick School house until the 1st of Dec'r next.

Thursday May 6. 1794

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, warn'd and assembled according to Law,—the Selectmen being Moderators

Voted to choose some person to Represent this Town in the General Court the present year.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative and upon counting and sorting the same it appear'd that Doct'r William Aspinwall was chosen to Represent this Town in the General Court the present year.

Then Capt'n Timothy Corey was chosen Moderator

Voted, that the Select-men be a Committee to repair the School house in the south part of the Town as they think propper.

Voted, that the Select men be directed to buy five Cords of wood for the Rev'd Joseph Jackson

Voted, to raise the sum of fifty pounds on polls and Real and personal Estates of the inhabitants, and on Nonresident possessors, in addition to the three hundred and Fifty pounds granted the 7th of April last.

The Committee, chosen at the last Town meeting to inquire into the mode of Taxing wood land, Report as follows Viz

The Committee appointed by the Town to enquire into the mode in which the Assessors taxed the woodland belonging to the inhabitants on the last Tax act, after examin'g their proceedings and the law of the Government, are of Opinion, that in estimating the woodland of the Town at six per cent upon the real value of it, they proceeded according to the meaning and letter of the Act, and that it was not the intention of the legislature to include woodland under the term unimproved land, and of consequence subject it to a tax of only two per cent, instead of six percent.

Wm. Aspinwall John Goddard Jona. Mason Jun Committee
Brookline May 1st 1794

Voted to accept the above Report

Mr. Jonathan Hammond was Chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the Middle District, in Room of Mr. Jonathan Jackson who Declind Serving

Jonathan Mason Esquire was Chosen a Delagate to meet Delagates from the several Towns in the County of Norfolk, at the House of Mr. Henry Vose in Milton, on Thursday the fifteenth of May Inst. at ten a Clock in the forenoon, to Consult on Matters Respecting said County.

July 22d 1794

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the House of Mr. Jonathan Dana

Capt'n Timothy Corey was chosen Moderator

Mr. Daniel Dana was chosen to serve as Grand Juror at (at) the Supreame Judicial Court to be holden at Dedham in the County of Norfolk, on the Tuesday preceeding the last Tuesday in August next.

Mr. John Heath was chosen to serve as petit Juror at said Court — then the Meeting was Dissolved.

November 3d 1794

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — The Selectmen being Moderators — The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Person to Represent the first middle District in the next Congress Viz.

23 Votes for Charles Jarvis
10 - - - The Hon'l Fisher Ames
1 - - - - Hon'l William Heath Esquires

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Moderator

The Selectmen were chosen a Committee, to procure a plan of the Town agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court

on the petition of George Cabot Esquire —

Voted, that the said George Cabot be permitted to alter the direction of the Road Leading from the Meeting House to his Dwelling house in such a manner as that the said Road where it passes by said Dwelling house may be more distant from the same than it is at present — provided that the said alteration shall in no place exceed twenty feet — shall in its whole extent not exceed twenty Roods — and that the new Road shall at the expence of said Cabot be made as wide & as good as the old

Jonathan Mason. William Aspinwall & Isaac S. Gardner Esquires, were chosen a Committee to obtain the Legacy left to the Town of Brookline by Nicholas Boylston Esquire late of Boston Deceased

Then the Meeting was adjourn'd without Day

Attest

Step'n Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Monday March 9. 1795

The Inhabitants of this Town being this Day assembled at the Meeting House — Isaac S. Gardner Esquire being chosen moderator, the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to serve as Town Officers for the year ensuing namely.

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Upon the question, whether the number of Selectmen for the year ensuing Shall be five or Three it was voted that the number be three, and that they be chosen altogether

Selectmen Capt'n Timothy Corey, Mr. Nathaniel Winchester and Mr. John Harris Jun, were chosen Selectmen

Town Treas'r Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Fence Viewers Mr. Edward K. Wolcott and Mr. Samuel Slack were chosen fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Highways Mr. John Robinson was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the north District

Mr. Ebenezer Heath for the middle District

Mr. Caleb Craft for the South District, and Mr. Nathaniel Winchester for the new District.

Field Drivers Mr. Ebenezer Ayres and Mr. Benjamin Hanes were chosen Field Drivers

Surveyors of Wood & Lumb Mr. Eleazer Baker & Mr. Ebenezer Webb were chosen Surveyors of Wood & Lumber.

Sealer of Leath'r Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Hogreaves Mr. Enas Withington. Mr. John Aspinwall & Mr. Ebenezer Ayres were chosen Hogreaves.

Voted. to hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Mr. Elijah Child offers to serve the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes the ensuing year, for one shilling and three pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall collect allowing a Deduction of ten pence on the pound to all such persons as Discharge their Tax Bills the first time he shall call for the same after their

Bills are presented; also to Collect all Taxes on single Polls for five pence on the pound

The Town accept his Offer, and make choice of him as their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County Treasurer, and upon counting and sorting the same their appeard to be Twenty six Votes for Deacon Isaac Bullard

Voted that the article in the Warrant in Regard to the Complaint made to the Court of Sessions by Mr. Caleb Craft and others in Regard to taxes on Woodland, be refered til next April Meeting

Voted that the article in the Warrant in regard to taking a new Valuation be refer'd til next april Meeting

Voted to keep a school Eight Months from the first Day of April next, in the Brick School house

Voted to pay one half the expences of the the Repairs of the Fire Engine in futer

Voted to Raise the sum of One Hundred Pounds for the purpose of Repairing the Highways the present year

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 6th 1795

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County and District of Norfolk in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth, to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives the said Meeting being warned as the said Constitution Directs, and holden on the Sixth Day of April, being the First Monday of said Month A.D. 1795, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for sd District

Votes for the following persons were given in counted and sorted, and Record and Declaration thereof made as by the said Constitution is Directed Viz.

Governor

20 Votes for his Excellency Samuel Addams Esq'r

Lieut. Governor

22 Votes for his Hon'r Moses Gill Esquire

Senators and Counsellors

21 Votes for the Hon'le James Bowdoin
15 - - - - Stephen Medcalf
13 - - - - Seth Bullard
11 - - - - Richard Cranch
9 - - - - John Reed
3 - - - - Edward Robbins Esquires

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 6th 1795

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Brookline Warnd and Assembled according to Law.

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen Moderator

William Aspinwall Esquire, Col Thomas Aspinwall, and Mr. Edward K. Wolcott were chosen a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts, and Lay an account of perticulars before the Town

Mr. John Goddard, William Aspinwall and Jonathan Mason Esquires, were chosen Agents to Support the cause of the Town against the Petition of Mr. Caleb Craft and others, to the Court of Sessions, in Regard to Taxes on Woodland in 1793.

Voted, that the article in the Warrant in Regard to Taking a new Valuation be referd to some futer Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be adjournd without Day — and was adjournd accordingly.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 6, 1795

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, for the purpose of collecting the sentiments of the Inhabitants, in regard to a revision of the Constitution in order for amendment

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes, and upon counting and sorting the same there appeared to be Eleaven Votes for a Revision and Eleaven Votes against a Revision

Voted, to choose a Representative

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen to Represent this Town at the General court apointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Then Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted to Raise Three hundred and Twenty Five Pounds on Polls and Estates, to Defray the charges of the Town the current Year.

Voted to Raise the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds on Polls and Estates, to Discharge the Towns Debts on Interest, in part

Voted that said sum of one hundred & fifty pounds be paid out of the first money that shall be paid in to the Treasury.

Voted that this Town will not give the Estate of Nehemiah Davis Deceas'd, to Elizabeth Davis

Voted to allow the North District to Draw twelve Pounds out of the Treasury to repair the Bridge near the Punch Bool Tavern.

Voted that the Collector be Directed, and he is hereby Directed not to call on the Inhabitants for their Taxes before the first Monday in November next.

Voted not to Accept of the Lane Leading from the Town Road to the House of Mr. John Harris Jun as a Town Road

Then the meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

October 27th 1795.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted, to take a valuation of the Real Estates in said Town

Voted that a Committee of Five persons be chosen (be chosen for the purpose of taking sd valuation Mr. Caleb Craft, Stephen Sharp, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire. Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, and Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen a Committee to take a valuation of all the Real Estates in said Town.

Voted, that the taxes for the present Year be made from the valuation already taken

Voted, that this Meeting be adjornd without day.

and was adjornd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Monday March 14th 1796

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the meeting house, warnd and assembled according to law.

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Moderator

then the following persons were chosen Town Officers for the Year ensuing

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Select men & Assessors Stephen Sharp Isaac S. Gardner Esquire Mr. Joseph Goddard

Town Treasurer Stephen Sharp

Fence Viewers Mr. Edward K. Wolcott Mr. Ebenezer Richards

Surveyors of Highways Mr. Edward K. Wolcott for the North District

Mr. William Ackers for the middle District

Mr. John Harris for the south District

Mr. John Corey for the fourth District

Field drivers Mr. Bejamin Davis Mr. Jonathan Hammond

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber Mr. Thayer Mr. Elijah Child Mr. Jonas Tolman

Hogreaves Mr. Daniel Larnard Mr. Ebenezer Richards

Pound keeper Mr. Ebenezer Heath

Constable Voted to hire a suitable person to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes this Year

Mr. Elijah Child offers to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling and three pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall Collect—allowing a Deduction of ten pence on the pound to all who discharge their Taxes by the first Day of January next provided he be approved and chosen by the Town,

Mr. Elijah Child was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes

Firewards William Aspinwall Esquire & Capt'n Sam'el Croft

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County Treasurer, and they were sorted and counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk, and there appear'd to be thirty three votes for Dea'n Isaac Bullard

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for a County Register, and they were counted and sorted by the Moderator and Town Clerk, and their appeared to be thirty one votes for Eliphalet Pond Esquire.

Voted. to fence the Burying Ground

Mr. John Goddard. Capt'n Samuel Croft and Mr. Samuel Clark were chosen a Committee to fence the Burying Ground — and authorised to agree with Mr. Samuel Clark in regard to the line where said Fence ought to be set,

Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, Mr. Edward K. Wolcott and William Aspinwall Esquire were chosen a Committee to examin the Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts, and lay an account of perticulars before the Town.

Voted, that Col Thomas Aspinwall have liberty, and he is hereby granted liberty to work out his highway Tax this Year on the Road leading from Cambridge Road to his House.

Voted, to give the Personal Estate of Nehemiah Davis Deceas'd to Elizabeth Davis,

Voted, that the Schools in this Town be continued as usual.

Then the meeting was dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 4th 1796

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, qualified to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives the said Meeting being warnd as the Constitution directs, being the first Monday of April A.D. 1796. For the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Senators.

Votes for the following Persons were given in, counted and sorted. Viz

Governor

28 Votes for his Excellency Samuel Adams Esquire
13 - Hon'l Increase Sumner Esquire
1 Vote for Hon'l Elbridge Gerry Esquire

Lieutenant Governor

33 Votes for His Hon'r Moses Gill Esquire
14 - - - Hon'le William Heath Esquire
4 - - - Hon'le Elbridge Gerry Esquire

Senators

32 Votes for Hon'le John Reed Esquire
28 - - - James Bowdoin Esquire
21 - - - Seth Bullard Esquire
14 - - - William Aspinwall Esquire
6 - - - Ebenez'r Thayer Esquire
4 - - - Stephen Medcalf Esquire
3 - - - Oliver Everett Esquire
1 - - - Ellexander Hodgdon Esquire

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday April 4th 1796

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warn'd and Assembled according to Law

Stephen Sharp, was chosen Moderator

Voted, to raise five hundred Dollars for the purpose of repairing the highways the insuing Year

Voted that one Dollar pr Day, or nine pence pr hour be allowed for work done on the highways

Voted, that the Assessors be directed, and they are hereby directed to Asses the highway Tax from the valuation taken the last Year

Voted, to choose a Committee of three persons to examin the Road leading from the House of Isaac S. Gardner Esquire to little Cambridge

Col. Thomas Aspinwall. Mr. Ebenez'r Davis and Mr. Caleb Craft, were chosen to serve on said Committee

Col. Thomas Aspinwall, declind Serving and Mr. John Heath was chosen in his Room.

Voted, to adjorn this meeting without day.

Brookline May 9th 1796

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, holden on the Ninth Day of May 1796.

Voted to choose a Representative

Wm. Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Representative

Then Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted to Exchang the Town Road Leading from the House of Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r to Little Cambridge, with John Lucas Esquire for Land Sufficient to make a Road through his ground to said Little Cambridge

Mr. John Heath. Isaac S. Gardner & Jonathan Mason Esquires were chosen a Committee to Stake out said Road through the Land of said John Lucas Esq'r

Voted to Raise the sum of Five hundred and Twenty pounds, on Polls & on Real and Personal Estates of the Inhabitants and Non-resident possessors, for the purpose of Discharging the Towns Debts, and Defraying the necessary charges of the Town the present Year.

Then Mr. Samuel Griggs was chosen Surveyor of the highways for the North District in room of Mr. Edward K. Wolcott

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline August 29th 1796

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 29th day of August 1796.

Mr. John Goddard was chosen Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to Supply the Pulpit til next march meeting.

Wm. Aspinwall and Isaac S. Gardner Esquires & Mr. David Hyslop were chosen a committee for the purpose of supplying the Pulpit til next March Meeting.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed to hire a Sum of money, Sufficient to Settle the deficiency of the salary of the Rev'd Joseph Jackson Dec'd

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Monday Oct'r 7th 1796

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, legally assembled for the purpose of giving in their votes, for an Elector of President and Vice President of the United States, also for a Representative in Congress for the first middle District. Votes for the following Persons were given in, Namely

For Electors, Ten Votes for his Exc. Samuel Addams Esq'r
Twenty three votes for his Hon James Bowdoin Esq'r

For a Representative, Fourteen votes for James Bowdoin Esq'r and Twenty votes for Harrison Gray Otis Esquire

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline Nov'r 7. 1796

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 7th Day of Nov'r 1796.

Mr. John Goddard was chosen moderator

Voted. to keep three Schools four months from the first of December next, as usual

The Selectman were chosen a committee to repair school houses

Then the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Decem'r 20. 1796.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 20th Day of December 1796. for the purpose of knowing whether the Congregation would concur with the choice the Church made at their meeting holden on the 13th Inst. of Mr. John Pierce for a Gospel Minister to settle in this Town;

Also to know whether the Town will make appropriation for his settlement and Salary &c

Wm. Aspinwall Esquire was chosen Moderator

The Inhabitants gave in their votes and upon counting the same it appeared that Mr. John Pierce was unanimously chosen.

Voted unanimously to give Mr. John Pierce Five hundred Dollars as a Gratuity or settlement.

Voted unanimously, to give Mr. John Pierce four hundred Dollars and sixteen Cords of wood Deliv'd at his Door, or one hundred

& six Dollars sixty six tenths & seven mills, in lieu of the wood, also the use of the Parsonage House Barn &. C. annually, for his salary so long as he shall continue to be Our Minister—provided he shall accept Our invitation to settle with Us

Then Stephen Sharp and Mr. Ebenezer Heath were chosen a Committee to Join the Committee Chosen by the Church, to wait on Mr. Pierce, with a Copy of the proceedings of the Church and Congregation, and invite him to settle in this Town and be Our Minister

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

February 6. 1797

At the meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, at the brick School house, warnd & assembled according to Law—For the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to wait on Mr. John Pierce & acquaint him of the proceedings of the church & congregation, and to transact & do any thing relative to the Settlement of a Minister

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Mr. Pierce's answer being read a copy of which is as follows. viz.

To the Church and Town of Brookline

Christian Friends

Having taken your proposals into serious and attentive consideration, and sought such counsel and direction, as the importance of the subject demands, I take this opportunity to inform you that I accept your invitation to settle with you in the ministry.

As to that part of the terms, which you have left optional with me, my choice is to receive the wood,

From the kindness you as a town, have always discovered towards your ministers as well, as from the unanimity, which has marked all your proceedings respecting me, I trust you will ever make provision for my comfortable support "so long as I shall continue to be your Minister."

That your brotherly love may continue & increase, that no root of bitterness springing up may disturb your harmony, that you may grow in grace, in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and improve in every Christian virtue, is the fervent wish and shall ever be the constant aim of your servant in the Lord

JOHN PIERCE.

Brookline January 1st 1797

To Doct'r William Aspinwall Isaac S. Gardner Esq Mr. David Hyslop Committee of the Church

Mr. Stephen Sharp Mr. Ebenezer Heath Committee of the Town

To be communicated to the Church and Town of Brookline.

Voted. unanimously to accept the answer of Mr. John Pierce

Voted, that Mr. John Pierce be Ordained the third Wednesday in march next at two a Clock in the afternoon

Voted. to choose a committee of three Persons, to provide a house & furnish a table for the Counsel and Mr. Pierce's friends

Mr. David Hyslop, John Lucas Esquire, & Mr. Ebenez'r Davis, were chosen a Committee, to provide a house & furnish a table for the counsel, & Mr. Pierce's friends on Mr. Pierce's Ordination Day

Voted to allow said Committee the sum of Fifty Dollars and as much more as they shall find it necessary to expend to provide a dinner for the Counsel, and Mr. Pierce's Friends on said Ordination Day

Mr. James Holden, Mr. Samuel Clark, & Mr. Samuel Slack, were chosen a Committee to prop the Gallaries in the meeting house, on said Ordination Day

Voted that the Town Treasurer, be directed & he is hereby directed to hire the sum of five hundred Dollars in behalf of the Town to pay Mr. John Pierce. his Gratuity or Settlement

Voted. to reserve Mr. Wolcot's. Mr. Jackson's Mr. Boylstons. & Mr. Davis's Pews, and the body seats, for the Ministers & Delagates, on said ordination Day.

Voted to reserve the fore seat in the said Gallary, For the Church, and the singers seats for the singers on said Ordination Day.

Mr. Elijah Child was chosen to keep said pews & seats for the aforesaid purpose, and Directed to hire assistance at the expence of the Town.

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen to obtain liberty of the owners of said pews for the aforesaid purpose.

Voted, that this meeting be adjournd without Day.

And was adjournd accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

March 6. 1797,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School house, holden on the 6. Day of March 1797. William Aspinwall Esquire being chosen Moderator,— the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to serve as Town Officers for the Year ensuing Namely

Town Clerk Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Selectmen & Assessors Stephen Sharp. Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Mr. Joseph Goddard were chosen Selectmen & Assessors

Fence view'rs Mr. Daniel Larnard & Mr. Jonathan Hammond were chosen Fence viewers.

Town Treas'r Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Surveyors of Roads Capt'n Samuel Croft for the North District

Mr. Jonathan Jackson for the Middle District

Mr. Ebenez'r Ayres for the South District

Mr. Nathaniel Winchester for the Fourth District

Field drivers Mr. Jonas Tolman and Mr. Ebenez'r Richards chosen Field drivers.

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber Mr. James Holden and Mr. Elijah Child were chosen Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

Sealer of Leather Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Hogreaves Mr. Jonathan Dana; Mr. Solomon Alden, and Mr. Ebenez'r Ayres, were chosen Hogreaves

Pound keep'r Mr. Jonathan Jackson

Firewards Capt'n Samuel Croft and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis were chosen Fire wards.

Clerk of the market Mr. Jonathan Dana was chosen Clerk of the Market.

Voted to hire a Constable & Collector of Taxes

Constable & Collect'r of Taxes Mr. Elijah Child offers to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling & nine pence on the pound on all taxes he shall Collect.— allowing a deduction of fourteen pence on the pound to all persons who discharge their Taxes by the first Day of Jan next provided he be approved & chosen by the Town

Mr. Elijah Child was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes

William Aspinwall Esq'r Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r & Mr. Ebenezer Davis were chosen a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers & School Treasurers accounts and lay an account of perticulars before the Town

Voted to raise the Sum of Five hundred Dollars to repair the highways the ensuing Year

Voted, that the highway Tax be assessed on the valuation taken last year—and that one Dollar pr Day or nine pence pr hour be allowed for work done on the highways

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for a County Treasurer & they were counted by the moderator & town clerk and there appeared to be twenty Six votes for Isaac Bullard

Capt'n Timothy Corey & Capt'n Sam'el Croft were a Committee to Join the Committee appointed by the Church

Capt'n Timothy Corey and Capt'n Samuel Croft were chosen a Committee to Join a Committee appointed by the Church to wait on the Counsel with a Copy of the the proceedings of the Church and town respecting Mr. John Pierce

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

The Rev. John Pierce was Ordained to the Pastoral care of the Church and Congregation in this Town March 15th 1797.

April 3d 1797.

At a meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, qualified to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators & Representatives the said meeting being warnd as the Constitution directs, being the first monday of Aprill A.D. 1797. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators

Votes for the following persons were given in counted and Sorted Namely

Governor

27 votes for Hon. James Sullivan
11 " " " Increase Sumner
1 vote for his Hon'r Moses Gill

Lieutenant Governor

11 votes for his hon'r Moses Gill
28 - - - - Hon. William Heath

Senators

36 votes for Hon. Seth Bullard
35 - - - Dr. William Aspinwall
4 - - - Hon Fisher Ames
3 - - - - - Stephen Medcalf
33 - - - - - John Read—Esquires

Monday April 3d 1797.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted. to excuse Capt'n Samuel Croft from serving as Surveyor of the highways.

Mr. Amasa Ellis was chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the North District, in room of Capt'n Samuel Croft

Mr. Ebenez'r Davis was chosen clerk of the Market in room of Mr. Jonathan Dana, who declind Serving

Mr. Joshua Griggs. & Mr. Ebenez'r Heath were chosen Firewards in addition to the two chosen at March meeting.

Voted, that four Stalves suitable for Firewards be provided at the expence of the Town.

Voted, that the article in the warrant in regard to Drawing Money out of the Treasury to repair the new Road Leading from Brookline to Cambridge be referd to the next Town meeting.

Brookline May 18*th* 1797.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 18th Day of May 1797. the Selectmen being Moderators

Voted to choose a person to represent this Town in the General Court the present Year

Wm. Aspinwall Esquire was chosen to represent this Town in the general Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Inst.

Then Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted to allow the Middle District Fifty Dollars to expend on the new road leading from Brookline to little Cambridge

Voted that this Town will bear one half the expences of the new waggon for conveying the Fire Engine

The Selectmen were chosen a Committee to remove the dirt from the sels of the Belfrey

Mr. Enos Withington was chosen Surveyer of Roads in room of Mr. Amasa Ellis

The Committee appointed by the Town to examin the Towns accounts, laid an account of perticulars before the Town.

Voted that the report of the above Committee is acceptable to the Town.

Voted to Raise the sum of five hundred pounds in the usual way to defray the charges of the Town the present Year.

The Selectmen laid an account of the expences of the Funeral of the late Rev'd Mr. Jackson Dec'd before the Town, to the amount of sixty one Dollars & fourteen Cents — which was allowed by the Town.

Brookline Oct'r 6 1797

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden the 6. Day of Oct'r 1797. — to know whether the Town or any Individual in the Town, would subscribe the sum of three Thousand Dollars for a fund to support the County Acadamy, provided it may be located in the Town of Brookline, & chose a Committee to Petition the General Court, & Courts Committee to locate the said Acadamy in this Town,

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted that this Town will not subscribe the sum of three thousand Dollars for a fund to support the County Acadamy

Voted, that this Town will Petition the General Court that the County Acadamy may be located in this Town, provided that any individual will subscribe said sum of three thousand Dollars.

William Aspinwall Esquire subscribed the sum of three Thousand Dollars as a Fund for the support of the County Acadamy provided it may be located in this Town. to be paid in the following manner, viz. To Give to the Trustees of said Acadamy (when appointed) a Good warrantee Deed of a well Finis'd house Forty two feet long, thirty six feet wide. & three Stories high, with one acre of land adjoining situate at the East part of the Farm he now lives on, the same to be Aprised by the said Courts Committee or by some Person or Persons mutually chosen by the said Committee & the said Aspinwall, and if the said house and Land shall be appraised for less than three thousand Dollars, the remainder to be paid (to the Trustees) in Money

Voted that William Aspinwall Esquire, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Stephen Sharp be a Committee to Petition the General Court & Courts Committee that the County Acadamy may be located in this Town.

Voted to Choose a Committee of five persons to Petition his Excellency the Governor to appoint a Board of Officers to settle the rank between the Regiment to which this Town belongs, and Boston Regiment, or by some other means to restore the Regiment to which this Town belongs to its former Honourable Rank.

Voted that William Aspinwall Esquire, Col. Thomas Aspinwall, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire Stephen Sharp and Mr. Ebenez'r Davis be a Committee for the above said purpose.

Voted to excuse Mr. John Heath from serving as Jury man in futer.

Voted to detach Eleaven Men from the Militia of this Town, agreeably to (to) the Orders of Brigadeer General Gill of the 5th of Sept'r last.

Brookline March 12th 1798

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 12th Day of March 1798, at the Brick School House

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted to choose three Selectmen, and that they be chosen altogether,

Stephen Sharp Isaac S. Gardner Esquire, & Joseph Goddard were chosen Selectmen & Assessors

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Capt. Samuel Croft was chosen Surveyor of Roads for the North District,—Ebenez'r Richards for the middle District.—Elijah Child for the South District and Daniel Dascombe for the fourth District

James Holden and Samuel Slack were chosen Field Drivers.

Zepheniah Thayer & Elijah Child were Chosen Surveyors of wood & Lumber

Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

William Ackers, and Elijah Corey were chosen Hogreaves.

Ebenezer Davis was chosen Clerk of the market

Jonathan Jackson was chosen Pound keeper

Joshua Griggs. Ebenez'r Davis, Ebenez'r Heath & Capt'n Samuel Croft were chosen Firewards

John Aspinwall and Jonathan Hammond were chosen Fence viewers

Elijah Child offers, to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for two shillings on the Pound, allowing a deduction of one shilling & Eight pence on the Pound to all who pay their Taxes by the first Day of Jan. next.

The Town accept his offer and choose him Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing Year

Voted, that William Aspinwall Esquire. Mr. Ebenezer Heath & Isaac S. Gardner Esquire be a Committee to Examin the Town Treasurers & School Treasurers Accounts and to make report of the debt and Credit of the Town at May meeting

Voted. to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars to repair the Highways, to be Assessed and paid in the same way the highway Tax was last Year.

Voted, that the article in the warrant in regard to the Pew of the late Nathaniel Seaver Dec'd be refered til April meeting

Voted, that William Aspinwall Esquire Mr. Daniel Dana. & Mr. Caleb Craft be a Committee to examin into the State of the

Pews in the meeting house, and to report their opinion thereon at next april meeting

Voted, to Sell the Seats in the front of the the Woman's Galleries in the meeting house

Voted that Mr. Ebenez'r Davis Mr. Nathaniel Murdock and Mr. Zepheniah Thayer be a Committee to see how many pews the Seats in the front of the Womens Gallery will make and report their Opinion thereon at next April Meeting

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 2d 1798

At a Meeting of the quallified voters of the Town of Brookline, being warned as the Constitution directs being the first monday in April AD. 1798. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor & Senators.

Votes for the following Persons were given in Counted and sorted Namely

For a Governor

15 Votes for his Excellency Increase Sumner Esquire
14 " for the Hon William Heath Esquire

For a Lieutenant Governor

31 Votes for his Hon'r Moses Gill Esquire
2 " " the Hon'l Wiliam Heath Esquire

For Senators

25 Votes for the Hon'l Seth Bullard
22 " " " " John Reed
22 " " " " William Aspinwall
14 " " " " Stephen Medcalf
10 " " " " Oliver Everett
3 " " " " Ebenezer Thayer
2 " " " " David S. Greenough
1 " " " " Ebenezer Seaver. Esquires

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 2d day of April 1798—

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator—

The committee chosen last March meeting to examine into the state of the wall pews in the Meeting house. Report—

Voted, to accept the report of said Committee

Voted, to choose a committee of five persons to examine further into the state of the pews in the meeting house and report their opinion in regard to the present state of each particular pew at next May meeting

Then William Aspinwall Esq. Mr. Daniel Dana Mr. Caleb Craft Mr. John Goddard & Capt Samuel Croft were chosen a committee to examine into the state of the pews and report at May meeting—

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to Employ some person to Copy the Old Record at the Expense of the Town

The committee appointed last March meeting to examine the seats in front of the Women's Gallery report that there is sufficient room for four pews—

Voted To accept the report of said committee and that the said seats be sold at May meeting to the highest Bidder—

Voted, to divide the North District into Two Districts. Capt. Timothy Corey, Deacon Clark and Ebenezer Davis were chosen a committee to divide said district and to make a Return of their doings to the Selectmen as soon as may be.

Joshua Griggs chosen surveyor of said new district.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 9th day of April 1798.

To know whether the Inhabitants of said Town would petition the Congress of the United States against Authorizing Merchants to Arm their ships—

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted To petition Congress of the United States against Authorizing Merchants to arm their ships.

William Aspinwall Esquire, Stephen Sharp and Isaac S. Gardner Esquire were chosen a committee to draft, sign and forward a petition for that purpose to Congress.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

At A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 14th day of May 1798 The Selectmen being moderators.

Voted To choose a person to Represent this Town in the General Court the present Year.

William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen.

Then Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator.

The committee appointed to examine the Towns accounts. reported which was accepted by the Town.

Voted To raize £450 to pay the Rev'd Mr. Peirce his Sallary and defray the charges of the Town.

The report of the committee for examining into the state of the Pews was read.

Voted That the Town consider the state of the Pews seperately.

Voted To sell the Pew of the late Mr Nathaniel Seaver (Deceased)

Voted That the Pew of the late Mr. Seaver (Dec'd) together with all pews the Town may deem forfeited, and the seats in front of the women's gallery be sold at Vendue in this place on Monday next at four Oclock in the afternoon.

Voted To give Deeds in fee simple of Pews and Pew spots sold by the Town.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to give Deeds of Pews and Pewspots which may be sold by the Town and pay the money they receive for the same into the Town Treasury. ¼ part to be paid down and the remainder in four months from the time of Sale, the purchasers giving security for the same.

Voted To give the sum the Selectmen may receive for the Pew of Nathaniel Seaver (Dec'd) to the Widow Sarah Seaver which is to be drawn out of the Town Treasury in such sums and at such times as the Selectmen may think proper.

Voted William Aspinwall Esquire, Capt. Corey & Deacon Clark, be a committee to examine further into the state of the Pews at the Expense of the Town and report at November meeting.

Voted That William Aspinwall Esquire, Isaac S. Gardner Esq. and Joseph Goddard be a committee to request his Excellency the Governor to restore the Regiment to which this Town belongs to its former rank.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

May 21. 1798 The Inhabitants being met agreable to a vote of the Town passed the 14th May current for the purpose of selling pews and seats in the Women's Galleries.

The Pew of Nathaniel Seaver (Dec'd) was struck of to Jonathan Mason Esq. for Two hundred and fifty dollars he being the Highest bidder.

Pew No. 1. in the Gallery was struck of to Ebenezer Davis for Forty two dollars he being the Highest bidder.

Pew spot No. 1. was bid of by Zepheniah Thayer for Fifteen dollars and fifty cents. he being the highest bidder.

Pew spot No. 2. was bid of by James Holden for Eleven dollars he being the Highest bidder.

Pew spot No. 3. was bid of by Zephemiah Thayer for Twenty seven dollars and fifty cents he being the Highest bidder.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 5th day of November 1798. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the first middle District. Votes for the following persons were given in counted and sorted, and declaration thereof made as follows. — Namely.

34 Votes for the Hon. Will'm Heath Esq.
26 " " " " Harrison G. Otis Esq.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

November 5. 1798. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

William Aspinwall Esq. was chosen moderator.

Voted That the schools be kept through the winter season as Usual.

Voted That the Request of Mr. Higginson relative to Altering the wall opposite Jonathan Jackson's House be submitted to the Selectmen.

Voted That the Article in the Warrant to Receive the report of the Committee relative to Pews be referred to March meeting.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis was chosen to collect the Towns stock of Arms Ammunition, etc. and take charge of the same.

The meeting then adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

Monday March 4. 1799 — At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick school house.

The following persons were chosen to serve as Town Officers the Ensuing Year namely.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted To choose Three Selectmen and Assessors and that they be chosen all together.

Stephen Sharp, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Joseph Goddard were chosen Selectmen & Assessors but declined serving.

Stephen Sharp, Capt. Samuel Croft & Deacon Samuel Clark were chosen Selectmen & Assessors.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer.

Mr. Elijah Corey was chosen surveyor of the Highways for the first North District. Mr. Daniel Larned for the Second North District, Colo. Isaac. S. Gardner for the Middle District Mr. Amasa Ellis for the first South district, Mr. Sam'l Slack for the Second South District Mr. Samuel Slack & Mr. Jonas Tolman were chosen field Drivers.

Mr. Zephemiah Thayer and Mr. Nath'l Murdock were chosen surveyors of Wood & Lumber.

Mr. Eliphald Spurr & Mr. Joseph White were chosen Hogreaves.

Mr. Eleazer Baker was chosen Clerk of the Market.

Mr. Jonathan Jackson was chosen Pound Keeper.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis, Capt. Sath'l Croft, Mr. Ebenezer Heath and Mr. Joshua Griggs were chosen Firewards.

Mr. Benja. Davis Mr. Caleb Gardner were chosen Fence viewers.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis & Mr. Joshua Griggs were chosen Tythingmen.

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes. for 1\10 on the pound allowing a deduction of 1\6 on the pound to all persons who pay their Taxes by the 1st day of January next.

Mr. Elijah Child was chosen Constable & Collector.

Doct William Aspinwall, Colo. Isaac. S. Gardner and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen a Committee to Examine the Town Treasurers and School Treasurer Accts.

Voted To raize Five hundred dollars to repair the Highways the present year, to be assessed on the last year's valuation and paid as Usual.

Voted To raize the sum of Forty five pounds to be assessed in the next Town Tax to provide Drums & fifes for this Town's company of Militia also to purchase Coats, Hats &c. for such persons as belong to Said Company and are not able to provide for themselves

Voted That the Town Treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed to hire the above sum of Forty Five pounds in Behalf of the Town for the above purpose.

Voted That Colo. Gardner, Captain Goddard, and Leiut. Davis be a committee for the purpose of procuring the above mentioned Articles, the same to be under their care for the use above mentioned.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without Day and was adjourned accordingly.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on Monday the first day of April 1799. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators. The Inhabitants gave in their votes as follows Viz.

For Governor.

34 Votes for his Excellency Increase Sumner Esq.
30 " " the Hon. William Heath Esq.

For Lieutenant Governor.

43 Votes for his honor Moses Gill Esquire
18 " for the Hon John Bacon Esq.
2 " Capt. Timothy Corey
1 " Hon George B Minot Esq.

For Senators

31 Votes for Nath'l Ames
34 " for John Read
32 " for William Aspinwall
37 " " Seth Bulliard
30 " " Nath'l Bailey
36 " " Eben'r Thayer

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline on the 1st day of April 1799.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Voted that this town will not paint their Parsonage House.

Voted That The Town will do nothing relative to providing a place for the Widow Hannah Raymond.

Voted To clear the Bushes from the Burying ground—

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to have this vote carried into Effect.

Voted To adjourn this meeting without day.

which was done accordingly.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 14. 1799. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of chooseing a Representative to Represent them in the General court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Inst.

The Selectmen being moderators.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative and upon Counting the same it appeared that William Aspinwall Esquire was chosen and declaration therof was made accordingly.

Stephen Sharp was then chosen moderator.

The Report of the Committee for Examining The Town Treasurers & School Treasurers accounts being Read The Town voted to accept the same.

Voted That the Report of the Committee for Examining into the state of the Pews be read,—which was read accordingly—

Voted That the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars be raized by a tax on Polls, Real and Personal Estate for the Purpose of paying the Rev'd Mr. Peirce his Stated Sallary and paying the Towns debts and defraying the necessary charges of the Town the current Year.

Voted That the Request of Mr. Higginson relative to moving the Pound be granted provided he shall provide a place for said pound which shall be approved of by the Selectmen.

Voted That the Request of Mr. Higginson relative to moving the West school house be referred to a committee of three persons Viz.

Mr. Jonathan Hammond, Captain Joseph Goddard and Colo Isaac S. Gardner.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline February 18. 1800. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted That this Town agree to assemble at the Meeting House on Saturday next the 22d Instant at Eleven OClock in the forenoon To testify their Respect for the memory of the late General George Washington — And that the Selectmen be a committee to wait on the Rev'd Mr. John Peirce and desire him to Lead in the Ceremonies by prayer and some appropriate discourse.

And that the said Committee be and they are hereby requested to provide a suitable Cloth to put the Pulpit in mourning.

Voted That the Reverend Mr John Peirce, Colo Isaac S. Gardner and Mr. Isaac Allen be a committee to select suitable Anthems, Psalms or Hymn's to be sung on the Occasion.

Voted That the Militia be Requested to wear their Uniform and side arms on the 22 February and meet at the Brick school House in order to form a procession & walk in order to the Meeting House.

Voted That the Inhabitants School Masters and chrildren Join in the procession.

Voted That the Selectmen Colo Isaac S. Gardner and Docter William Aspinwall be a committee to Arrange the procession.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis and Eliphald Spurr were chosen Marshalls.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned till next Saturday at two OClock — in this place —

The meeting was accordingly adjourned

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

February 22 1800 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline,— according to adjournment from the 18th February current.

Stephen Sharp being moderator.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to wait on the Rev'd Mr. Peirce and give him the Black Broad Cloth that was bought by the Selectmen by the direction of the Town to put the Pulpit in Mourning — and request a copy of his discourse for the Press.

Voted That Three hundred copies of said Discourse be printed at the Expense of the Town.

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to Captain Joseph Goddard and his Company for their attendance this Day.

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to the Singing Society for their good performances this Day — and in Consideration thereof.

Voted That the Town will defray the Expence of a singing school six weeks from this day —

Voted That the Town will pay the small Expence of the Day.

The meeting was then Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the tenth day of March 1800.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk.

Stephen Sharp, Capt Samuel Croft. & Dea. Samuel Clark were chosen Selectmen & Assessors.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer.

Mr. Eliphald Spurr was chosen surveyor of the Highway for the 1st North District

Mr. James Holden for the 2 North District

Mr. Thomas Harback for the Middle District

Mr. Joseph Winship for the 1st South District

Mr. Nath'l Winchester for the 2d South District

Mr. Sam'l Slack & Mr. Soloman Child were chosen Field drivers.

Mr. Zepheniah Thayer and Mr. Nath'l Murdock were chosen surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

Mr. Abel Meriam and Mr. William Leveret were chosen Hogreaves.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis was chosen clerk of the Market.

Mr. Jonathan Jackson was chosen pound keeper.

Capt Joseph Goddard and Mr. Samuel Slack were chosen Fence viewers.

Deacon Samuel Clark and Mr. Elijah Corey were chosen Tythingmen

Mr. Jonas Tolman was chosen sealer of Leather.

Mr. Ebenezer Davis Capt Samuel Croft Mr. Ebenezer Heath. and Mr. Joshua Griggs were chosen Firewards.

Voted To Hire a constable and Collector of Taxes.

Mr. Elijah Child was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes, he offering to Collect for One Shilling and nine pence on the pound with a deduction of One Shilling and six pence on the pound to all who pay their Taxes by the 1st day of January next.

William Aspinwall Esq. Isaac. S. Gardner Esq. and Mr. Ebenezer Davis were chosen a committee To examine The Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts and Report the State of the Same at May meeting.

Voted To raise the sum of Five hundred dollars to repair the Highways the present Year. and that the said sum be assessed and worked out in the same manner, the Highway Rate was assessed and worked out the last year.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline qualified to Vote for Governor Leiut. Governor Senators and Representatives on Monday the 7th day of April 1800

Votes for the following persons were given in Counted and sorted and Record and declaration therof made agreable to the Constitution.

For Governor.

55 Votes for the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.
26 " for the Hon Caleb Strong Esq.

For Leiut. Governor.

51 Votes for the Hon William Heath Esq.
15 " for the Hon Moses Gill Esq.
3 " Hon Fisher Ames Esq.
3 " Hon Edw'd H Robbins Esq.
2 " Mr. Ebenezer Heath
1 " Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.
1 " Hon Samuel Phillips Esq.
1 " Mr. Zephion Thayer

For Senators

55 Votes for William Aspinwall Esq.
55 Votes for Colo. John Ellis
54 " for Benja. Hitchborn
26 " for Ebenezer Thayer
25 " for Seth Bulliard
22 " " John Reed
3 " " Oliver Everett Esq.

Brookline April 7th 1800

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted That this Town will quit all their claim and right to a peice of Salt Marsh in Brookline Marshes formerly the property of Elizabeth Clark Widow late of this Town (Deceased) and they do hereby quit all their claim to and Demands on Said Marsh

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for County Treasurer the same being Counted and sorted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and there was 26 Votes for Isaac Bulliard

Voted That the Selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to regulate the Jury Boxes.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 15 1800 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Representative.

The Selectmen being Moderators.

Voted To send a Representative

Stephen Sharp was chosen representative

Then Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted That Cattle shall not run in the roads of this Town without a Keeper.

The Report of the Committee for examining the Towns accounts being read — the Town Voted to accept the same.

Voted To raise Fifteen hundred dollars by a Tax to pay the Rev'd John Peirce his Sallary and Defray the necessary charges of the Town the current year.

Voted To keep Three Women's schools during the summer season.

Deacon Clark was chosen a committee to wait on the Rev'd Mr. Peirce and desire him to lengthen the intermission between meetings one Hour.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline November 3 1800. At a meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the first middle District —

Votes for the following persons were given in Viz.

45 Votes for Docter Wm. Eustis

26 " for Josiah Quincy Esquire.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline March 9th 1801 At a meeting of the qualified voters in the Town of Brookline on the ninth day of March 1801 for the purpose of choosing Selectmen and all Usual Town Officers to serve the Town the Ensuing Year.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted To choose Three persons to serve as Selectmen and Assessors.

Stephen Sharp, Capt. Samuel Croft & Deacon Samuel Clark, were chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

Stephen Sharp was Chosen Town Clerk.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

William Leverett was chosen surveyor of Roads for the 2d North District.

Jonathan Dana for the 1st North District.

Benjamin White for the Middle District

Caleb Craft for the first south district

Nathaniel Murdock for the Second south District.

Jonas Tolman and John Harris were chosen Field drivers —

Samuel Eastabrooks and Abraham Farwell were chosen Hogreaves.

Nathaniel Murdock, and Zephion Thayer were chosen surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Benjamin Davis and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen Fence viewers

Eliphalet Spurr, & Elijah Corey were chosen Tythingmen.

Capt. Samuel Croft, Ebenezer Davis, Ebenezer Heath & Joshua Griggs were chosen Firewards.

Eliphalet Spurr was chosen Clerk of the market.

Solomon Alden was chosen pound keeper.

James Leeds was chosen Sealer of Leather

Voted To Hire a Constable and collector of Taxes.

Elijah Child offers to serve as Constable and collector of Taxes the Ensuing year for one shilling and Ten pence on the pound allowing a deduction of One shilling and six pence on a pound to all who pay their Taxes by the first day of January next.

Voted To Raise the sum of five hundred dollars to repair the Roads in said Town the ensuing year, to be assessed on the last years valuation allowing one dollar ℘ day for man and one dollar ℘ day for Team, reckoning Eight hours for a days work—

Docter William Aspinwall, Colo Isaac. S. Gardner and Capt. Joseph Goddard were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurer's & School Treasurer's accounts and Report the state of the Same at next May meeting

Voted That the Rev'd John Peirce have Liberty to build a Tomb in the Burying place.

The selectmen were chosen a committee to direct where said Tomb shall be built

Voted That this Town will pay the expenses of the singing school the last winter amounting to Thirty five dollars and forty one cents, that the selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to draw orders on the Town Treasurer for payment of said sum.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline April 6. 1801 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline—

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted not to Excuse Mr Jonathan Dana from serving as surveyor of Highways

Voted Not to excuse Mr Benjamin White from serving as surveyor of Highways.

Voted That Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules &c. shall not run at large without a keeper within the limits of the Town the present year.

Voted Not to reconsider the vote passed last March meeting to pay the expenses of the singing school the last winter.

Voted To make the Rev'd Mr. Peirce a consideration of One hundred dollars on account of the extraordinary expenses of his family the last year occasiond by sickness.

Voted That the surveyors in the several districts be and they are hereby directed and Empowered, to take care of to preserve and prune all trees standing within the limits of the publick highways Town Roads and common land belonging to the Town. excepting such trees as stand on land that has been given into the highway by the proprietor thereof for the Benifit of the Publick — and the said surveyors are directed to give notice to the Town Treasurer of all Trespasses committed on said Trees within their own Districts by cutting digging up or anywise Injuring the same — that damage may be recovered for the Injury —

And the Town Treasurer is directed and empowered to demand damage in behalf of the Town for any Injury that may be done to the said Trees, and if necessary to sue for and recover the same of the Trespasser by a due course of Law.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 6th 1801 At a meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Brookline being warned as the Constitution directs for the purpose of giving in their votes, for Governor, Leiut. Governor and Senators — Votes for the following persons were given in counted and sorted. Viz —

For Governor

49 Votes for the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.
37 " — His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.
2 Votes for the Hon William Heath Esq.

For Leiut. Governor
49 Votes for the Hon William Heath Esq.
33 " for the Hon Samuel Phillips Esq.
2 " " Hon Edw'd H Robbins
1 " " Hon Jonas Tolman.
For Senators —
52 Votes for the Hon William Aspinwall
50 " " — Benja. Hitchborn
49 Colo John Ellis.
32 " Ebenezer Thayer
30 " Seth Bulliard
26 " John Read
8 " Oliver Everett
2 " Capt. John Baxter
1 " Colo Jonathan Kingsbury
Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline May 14. 1801. at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law for the purpose of choosing a person to Represent this Town at the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May Instant —

The Selectmen being moderators

Voted To send a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for Representative and upon counting the Same it appeared that Stephen Sharp was Unanimously chosen and declaration thereof was made accordingly.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 14. 1801

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

The committee chosen at March meeting to examine the Town

Treasurer's and school Treasurer's accounts Report that they found Said Accounts in Excellent order. The State thereof was Read and accepted by a vote of the Town.

Voted To dispense with reading the Town Treasurer's account.

Voted To Raise the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars by a Tax on polls and Estates in the Usual way for the purpose of paying the Rev'd John Peirce his stated Sallary and defraying the necessary charges of the Town the current year—

Voted That the Town will not Excuse Jonathan Dana and Benjamin White from serving as surveyors of Highways — and in case they do not serve they shall pay the fine the Law requires —

Capt. Timothy Corey was chosen Surveyor of the Highways in Room of Jonathan Dana.

Voted That the Selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to appoint surveyors of Highways in room of such as have been chosen and declined serving

Voted To Raise One hundred and fifty dollars to Provide coats, caps &c. for this Towns company of Militia.

Voted That the Town Treasurer be directed to hire the above sum of One hundred and fifty dollars for said purpose.

Captain Joseph Goddard Leiut. Benja Davis and Leiu. Joshua Griggs were chosen a committee to Receive Said Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and expend it for said purpose

Docter Aspinwall Colo. Gardner and Mr Ebenezer Davis were chosen a committee to examine into the state of this Town's stock of Arms Ammunition &c.

Voted To keep Three Women's schools during the Three summer months.

Then the Meeting was dissolved

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline Monday March 1. 1802.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick school house on Monday the 1st day of March. 1802.

Stephen Sharp being chosen Moderator.

The Town proceeded to the Choice of the following persons to serve as Town Officers the Year Ensuing.

Stephen Sharp was Chosen Town Clerk.

Voted To choose Three persons as Selectmen and assessors. the ensuing Year and that they be chosen altogether.

Stephen Sharp. Capt. Samuel Croft and Deacon Samuel Clark, were chosen Selectmen and Assessors —

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

William Aspinwall Esq. was chosen surveyor of highways for the 1st North district — Mr. John Aspinwall for the 2d North district — Mr. William Ackers for the Middle district — Mr. Ebenezer Webb for the South district — Mr. Abel Merriam for the new South district —

Mr. Joseph Winship and Mr. Timothy Townsend were chosen hogreaves.

Mr. Nathaniel Murdock and Mr. James Holden were chosen surveyors of Wood & Lumber —

Mr. Samuel Slack and Mr. Ebenezer Richards were chosen fence veiwers

Mr Elijah Corey and Mr Eliphalet Spurr were chosen Tythingmen —

Mr. Eliphalet Spurr was chosen Clerk of the Market.

Mr. John Aspinwall — Leiut. Benja Davis Mr. Ebenezer Heath and Mr Thaddeus Jackson were chosen Firewards —

Mr. Preserved Baker was chosen Pound Keeper

Mr Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Docter Aspinwall, Colo. Gardner and Dea. Robinson were chosen a committee to Examine the Town treasurer's and school

Treasurer's accounts and report the State of the same at May meeting —

Upon a motion made it was Voted that the Town will hire a person to serve as constable and collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing as heretofore practiced.

Mr. Elijah Child offered to serve as Constable and collector of Taxes for the year ensuing for one shilling and ten pence half penny on the pound allowing the deduction of One shilling and sixpence on the pound to all who pay their Taxes by the first of January next —

Voted, To raize the sum of Five hundred dollars to repair the Highways the ensuing Year.

Voted That the said sum be assessed on the last years valuation as usual.

Then the Inhabitants brought in their votes for County Treasurer, the same being counted by the Moderator and Town clerk there was 27 Votes for Isaac Bullard.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor. Leiut Governor. for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and senators for the district of Norfolk holden on the 5th day of April 1802. being the first Monday of Said month the Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows — Viz.

for Governor.

32 Votes for his Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.
51 " for the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.

Leiut. Governor.

53 " for the Hon William Heath Esq.
31 " " " Hon Edw'd H Robbins Esq.

Senators—

53	Votes	for the	Hon. William Aspinwall Esq.
51	"	"	Benja Hitchborn Esq.
51	"	"	John Ellis Esq.
30	"	"	Joseph Lovell Esq.
29	"	"	Oliver Everett Esq.
28	"	"	Samuel Bass Esq.
1	"	"	Ebenezer Thayer
1	"	"	David S. Greenough
1	"	"	Hon Seth Bulliard Esq.
1	"	"	" John Reed Esq.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline — April 5th 1802. Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator —

Voted That Neat Cattle, Horses, or horse kind shall not go at large within the limits of this Town the present year without a keeper —

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day and was adjourned accordingly

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Thursday May 13. 1802

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Representative. The Selectmen being moderators—

Voted To choose a person to represent this Town in the General court the present year—

Then the Inhabitants gave in their votes for representative and upon counting the same it appeared that Stephen Sharp was Unanimously chosen to represent this Town at the General court appointed to be convened and held at Boston the last wednesday of May and declaration was made accordingly—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Town meeting *May* 13. 1802.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

The committee appointed to Examine the Town treasurers and School treasurers accounts laid before the Town an accurate statement of the Same which the Town voted to Accept.

Voted To raise the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the Rev'd John Peirce his stated sallary and defraying the Usual necessary charges of the Town the Current Year.

The committee appointed to Examine the Towns military stores made their Report which was accepted by the Town.

Voted To choose a committee for the following purpose. Viz. To examine the state of the meeting house, whether it is in a situation to Enlarge and if it will admit of an enlargement, How many new pews may be made and what measures is best for the Town to adopt to accomplish the same. Then Docter Aspinwall, Stephen Sharp, Deacon Robinson Colo. Gardner, and Nath'l Murdock were chosen a committee for the above purpose.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the 14th day of June next, at three OClock in the afternoon at the meeting House.

and the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Brookline June 14. 1802 — At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline by adjournment from 13th day of May last — Stephen Sharp being moderator.

The committee appointed last May meeting to examine the state of the meeting house, the practibility of enlarging it in what manner and how large the additions ought to be made and what measures are best to accomplish the same.

Report — that they have attended that service and find that the Roof of the meeting House wants to be shingled and the east end to be Clapboarded immediately — that the frame of the House is strong and Timber sound, and that it is practicable to divide it and move one part of from the other with safety — And in the opinion of the committee it is best to divide the House transversly through the Broad Isle and move the east end eighteen feet eastward — to fill up the space with two new ranges of Pews one on each side of the Broad Isle with a short alley three feet wide betwixt Nath. Winchester pew and the new pews on one side the broad Isle and Caleb Crafts pew and the new pew on the other side, for the purpose of Passing the center pews. To remove the Pulpit and front door with the Pews adjoining them on each Side to the center of the new space — To build two wall pews on each side of the pulpit and Front door in the remaining spaces.

To build eight new pews in the new space, in the Front Gallery and Eight new Windows four Below and four above of the same dimensions as the old windows.

The proprietors of Pews now situated on the broad Isle to Receive new ones on the new Broad Isle of the same dimensions in Exchange (if they see fit) for the Present pews.

That to accomplish the same next spring it is necessary to choose a committee to purchase Materials this year and to agree with some carpenter to do some of the Inside work, Windows &c. in the next winter season—That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to borrow a sum of money to purchase materials necessary for the work and deliver the same to the said committee and take a Receipt therefor —

That the said committee be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sell the said Pews when finished at such times and place as they may Judge best at Publick Vendue to the Inhabitants of the Town and from the produce of the sale to pay the Town Treasurer all the money borrowed and Received of him by the Committee to purchase materials with and the Interest of the same.

And the said committee are hereby authorized and directed to Lay the Residue with the produce of the sale of the Body seats or pews which may be errected on the places which the said seats now occupy in Repairing and painting the outside of said meeting House and if there should be any surplus to Expend the same in Repairing and painting the Parsonage House and Fences—

The said committee are held & obliged to account with the Selectmen for the expenditure of money received by them of the Town Treasurer and for the sale of the Pews — and they are not authorized to Expend on the above repairs One cent more than shall arise from the sale of the Pews and space of the Body seats —

Voted To Enlarge the Meeting house agreable to the above reports of the Town's committee.

Voted To choose a committee of five persons to accomplish the above purpose in the Best manner they can —

Then Doct. Will'm Aspinwall Stephen Sharp Deacon John Robinson, and Colo. Isaac S. Gardner were chosen a committee for the above purpose —

Capt Joseph Goddard & Joshua Griggs were chosen a committee to take care of the Town's Stock of Arms, Militia Stores, Uniform &c. &c.—

Colo. Gardner Deacon Robinson & Wm. Ackers were chosen a committee to Inspect said Military Stores —

Ebenezer Heath was chosen pound keeper —

The meeting was then adjourned —

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on Monday the first day of November 1802. for the purpose of Giving in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States the Inhabitants brought in their votes as follows — Viz.

31 Votes for Ebenezer Seaver Esq.
20 “ for Hon Oliver Everett Esq'r
1 “ “ Hon Wm. Heath Esq'r
1 “ “ Perez Morton Esq'r

Then the meeting was adjourned without day —

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 14th day of March 1803.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk.

Voted To choose three Selectmen and Assessors and that they be chosen together —

Stephen Sharp, Samuel Croft and Sam'l Clark were chosen Selectmen and Assessors —

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Benjamin Davis, William Marshall, Caleb Gardner, Solomon Childs and John Corey were chosen surveyors of Highways —

Jonas Tolman and Samuel Slack were chosen Hogreaves

Nathaniel Murdock and James Holden were chosen surveyors of Wood and Lumber —

Daniel Dascomb & Elijah Child were chosen fence veiwers.

Elijah Corey & Eliphalet Spurr were chosen Tythingmen —

Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clerk of the market —

Jonas Tolman sealer of Leather —

Jonathan Jackson was chosen pound keeper —

John Aspinwall, Benja Davis Ebenezer Heath & Colo Gardner were chosen Firewards

John Harris and James Leeds were chosen Field drivers —

Elijah Child offers to serve as Constable and collector of Taxes for One shilling and Eleven pence on the pound allowing a deduction of 1\6 on the pound to all who pay their Taxes by the first day of January next.

Elijah Child was chosen Constable & Collector

Docter Aspinwall Colo Gardner and Deacon Robinson were chosen a committee to Examine Accounts.

The Inhabitants gave in their votes for County Treasurer the same being counted by the Moderator and Town clerk, there appeared 29 votes for Isaac Bullard

Voted To raise five hundred dollars to Repair the Highways and that said sum be assessed on the last years Valuation.

The meeting was then dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County and district of Norfolk in the commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for Governor Leiutenant Governor senators and Representatives the said meeting being warned as the said Constitution directs and holden on the fourth day of April being the first monday in Said month 1803. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Leiut. Governor of said Commonwealth and senators and Counsellors for said District

The following Votes were given in Viz.

for Governor.

For the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esquire	37 Votes
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.	23 —

Leiut. Governor

For the Hon James Bowdoin Esq.	39 Votes
Edw'd H. Robbins Esq.	20
William Heath Esq.	1

Senators

For the Hon John Ellis Esq.	38 Votes
John Howe Esq.	38 Votes
Samuel Bass Esq.	20 "
For the Hon Samuel Dexter Esq.	23 "
— William Aspinwall	3 "

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Cler.

Brookline April 4. 1803

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted That Neat cattle Horses or Horse kind shall not go at large within the limits of this Town the present year without a keeper —

Voted Not to Excuse Jonathan Dana from paying a fine for not serving surveyor of the Highways, in the year 1801.

Voted That if Caleb Gardner refuses to serve as surveyor of Highways, the Selectmen be directed to appoint a person to serve in his Room —

Joseph Goddard was chosen on the committee for examining accounts in room of Docter Aspinwall who declined serving

Attest, Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 11th day of May 1803.

The Selectmen being moderators.

Voted To send a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for a representative and upon counting the same it appeared that Stephen Sharp was unanimously chosen and the vote was declared accordingly

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Town meeting *May* 11. 1803

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator;

The committee chosen to examine the Town treasurers and School treasurers account made their report.

Voted To accept the report of the committee for examining the Town accounts—

Voted To raize the sum of sixteen hundred dollars to pay the Rev'd John Peirce his stated Sallary and to defray the charges of the town the current year.

Voted To reconsider the vote passed the 16th June last to enlarge and repair the meeting house and let it remain as it is for the present.

Voted That the Town treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed to hire a sum of money sufficient to pay the committee for enlarging and repairing the Meeting house for all they have expended for materials and all the work that hath been done relative to repairing said Meeting house and that the amount thereof be assessed in the next Town Tax—

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to said committee for their services—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day and was accordingly adjourned—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 12th day of March 1804. warned and assembled according to Law.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator.

Voted To choose Three men to serve as Selectmen and Assessors and that they be chosen together.

Stephen Sharp, Capt Sam'l Croft & Deacon Sam'l Clark were chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

Mr Sam'l Slack & Mr Nath'l Murdock were chosen Fence veiwers—

Stephen Sharp was chosen surveyor of Highways for the 1st North District—

Mr Sam'l Slack was chosen surveyor of Highways for 2d North district—

David Hyslop was chosen surveyor of Highways for the Middle district—

Mr Caleb Craft was chosen surveyor of Highways for 1st South district—

Capt Joseph Goddard was chosen surveyor of Highways for 2d South district.

Mr Thomas White, Mr James Leeds Mr Samuel White Mr Daniel Leverett were chosen Hogreaves.

Mr Nath Murdock, Mr James Holden were chosen surveyors of Wood & Lumber—

Mr James Leeds and Mr Jonas Tolman were chosen tythingmen

Mr Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clerk of the Market.

Mr Jonas Tolman was chosen sealer of Leather Capt Joseph Jones and Joseph Winship were chosen Field drivers—

Mr Jonathan Jackson was chosen Pound keeper—

Mr John Aspinwall, Leiut. Benja Davis. Mr Eben'r Heath and Colo Isaac S. Gardner were chosen Firewards—

Voted To hire a Constable and collector of Taxes

Elijah Child offers to serve as Constable and collector of Taxes the present year on the same terms he served the last year (to wit) for one shilling and Eleven pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of one shilling and sixpence on the pound to all those persons that pay their Taxes by the first day of January—

The Town accepted his offer and he was chosen Constable and collector of taxes

Voted to raize the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing the highways the present year—

Voted That The Highway Tax be assessed on the old valuation as usual—

Voted To give the Rev'd John Peirce One hundred and fifty dollars ℘ year in addition to his Stated Sallary for the term of three years—Colo Isaac S. Gardner. Dea John Robinson and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen a committee to examine the Town treasurers accounts and report the state of the same to the Town at next May meeting—

Mr Ebenezer Heath, Colo Isaac S Gardner and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen a committee to examine the Towns stock of Arms, Ammunition Uniform &c.

Capt Joseph Jones was chosen a committee to take the care of Towns stock of Guns and Uniform &c.

Mr Abel Merriam was chosen a committee to take the care of the Towns stock of Ammunition &c.

Then the Inhabitants brought in their votes for county Treasurer and the same being counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk it was declared that Isaac Bullard had twenty six votes —

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day and was adjourned accordingly.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 2d day of April 1804 being the first monday in said month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor and Leiutenant Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and senators for the district of Norfolk.

The Inhabitants brought in their votes as follows

For Governor —

42 votes for the Hon James Sullivan Esq.
29 — — his Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.

Leiut Governor

44 votes for the Hon. William Heath Esq'r
26 his Hon'r Edw'd H Robbins Esq'r
1 " for Artemas Ward Esq.
1 " for Benja Harris Esq.

Senators

39 Votes for the Hon John Ellis
37 " John Howe
24 " Ebenezer Thayer
13 " Elijah Crane
9 " John Reed
1 " John Baxter
1 " Isaac Bullard Esq'r

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned without day and was adjourned accordingly —

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 2d day of April 1804

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator.

Voted That a reward of five hundred dollars be given to any person who may detect the Villian or villians that attempted to burn the meeting house in this Town on the last evening —

Voted That the Selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to advertise the above reward in the Independant Chronicle and Columbian Centinel —

Voted That Neat cattle Horses nor horse kind shall not go at large within the limits of this Town the Current year without a Keeper —

Voted To choose a committee of nine persons to enquire whether a new situation for a meeting house can be procured and on what terms — whether an addition to the present spot can be obtained to make an Estimate of the expence of a new meeting

House — and what shall be done with the present Meeting house — and what compensation shall be made to the present Pew Holders in case the Town should determine to build and all such other matters as pertain to the subject.

Colo Isaac S. Gardner, Capt John Robinson Mr. Ebenezer Davis, Mr John L Sullivan Capt Joseph Goddard, Mr Nath'l Murdock, Capt Timothy Corey, Mr William Ackers and Mr Jonathan Hammond were chosen to serve as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted That the Article relative to a New Bell be referred to May meeting

Then the meeting was adjourned without day —

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 16th day of May 1804

The Selectmen being moderators.

Voted To send a Representative.

The Inhabitants brought in their votes and upon counting and sorting the same it appeared that Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Representative and declaration was made accordingly —

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 16th day of May 1804.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator —

The committee appointed to Examine The Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts made their report which was accepted by a vote of the Town —

Voted To raize the sum of seventeen hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges of the Town the current year —

The Report of the committee appointed by the Town to make enquireys on various subjects relative to building a new Meeting house being read —

Voted To Build a New Meeting house

Voted That the report of the committee be read and considered by Paragraphs.

Voted To adopt the fourth paragraph in the Report of said committee which is as follows — Viz.

Your committee further state that with the Idea of rendering the present lot more convenient, they applied to Mr Carnes for a small peice of Land in addition thereto on which he has consented to sell twenty four feet in width adjoining the west side of the Towns land widening to the Road on which it will Extend about Six rods on condition of having a wall Pew on the south or west part of the New Meeting house free of cost — And Mr Walley has consented on application of the committee to let the Town have some adjoining land on the north —

Voted To build a meeting house on the place or Plat where the old meeting house stands as recommended in the foregoing report of the committee

Voted To give Mr John Carnes a Pew in the new Meeting house in compensation for a small strip of Land to enlarge the meeting house yard.

Voted To have a Broad Isle and square Wall Pews in the New Meeting house

Voted To make a compensation to the owners of Pews in the Old meeting house of Thirty dollars for each pew on the lower floor and fifteen dollars for each pew in the Gallery —

Voted To choose a committee of three persons to Execute the business of building a meeting house —

Colo Isaac S. Gardner. Capt John Robinson and Mr Nathaniel Murdock were chosen to serve on said committee —

Colo Gardner declined serving and Mr Ebenezer Heath was chosen to serve in his Room —

Voted To choose Six persons in addition to the committee already chosen to advise and assist said committee and have an equal voice with them in all business relative to building a Meeting House —

Doct Aspinwall, Stephen Sharp Colo Gardner Capt Goddard William Ackers and Dea Clark were chosen to serve on said Committee —

Voted To adjourn this meeting to Thursday 24th day of May current at four OClock in the afternoon then to meet in this place —

Then the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Thursday May 24. 1804

The Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline being met according to adjournment from the 10th day of May last —

Stephen Sharp being moderator —

Voted That the committee for building a new meeting house be directed to inform themselves as soon as practicable as to the best form and manner of building a meeting house both as to the Exterior and Interior parts and exhibit a plan of the same to the Town at a meeting of the Inhabitants sometime in June next, said meeting to be called by the Selectmen at the Request of the Committee —

Voted That the Town Treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed and empowered to give his Obligation on Interest in behalf of the Town for a sum of money not exceeding Eleven thousand dollars to be expended by the committee for the Benefit of the Town in Building a meeting house.

Voted To keep two women's school one in the West and one in the North district for the Term of Three months in the summer season —

Voted That Fifty dollars be granted for the purpose of defraying the Expences of said schools and that the said sum be assessed in the next Town Tax —

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r was chosen to serve on the school committee in room of Mr John Heath (deceased) —

Isaac S. Gardner was chosen School Treasurer in Room of Capt Samuel Croft who declined serving longer in that Office —

Voted That The thanks of the Town be given to Capt Sam'l Croft for his services as school treasurer for a number of years past

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp . Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 11th day of June 1804.

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

Colo Gardner, Mr Daniel Hyslop, and Stephen Sharp were chosen a committee to wait on Mr John Carnes and agree with him for a peice of Land adjoining the Meeting house yard—

Voted that the committee be directed and they are hereby directed not to build the New Meeting house larger than seventy four feet long by fifty four feet wide.

Voted that the Building a New Meeting house be wholly left with the Committee—

Then the Meeting was dissolved—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 5th day of September 1804

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator—

Voted To reconsider the vote passed the sixteenth day of May last to build a new Meeting house on the plot where the old house stands—

Voted To Purchase two peices of Land of William Aspinwall and Stephen Sharp Esquires lately bought by them of John Carnes at the same price they gave for them Viz Two Thousand dollars with Interest from the 30th day of August last—

Voted That the committee for building the New meeting house be directed and they are hereby directed to build the new Meeting house on the largest of said lots of Land East of the brick school house—

Voted To reconsider their vote to have the Wall pews in the new Meeting house square—and adopt the new plan of their Committee to have long pews next the wall—

Voted That William Aspinwall Esq'r be empowered and he is hereby empowered to give a quit claim deed of a small peice of land adjoining the meeting house yard last owned by John Carnes—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline qualified to Vote for Representatives holden on the fifth day of November 1804 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Nineteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States—The Inhabitants brought in their votes as follows Viz—

for Electors at large

34	Votes for Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq. of Cambridge
34	" Hon James Sullivan Esq'r of Boston

District Electors

34	Hon James Bowdoin Esq'r of	Boston
34	Colo John Hathorn	Salem
34	Doct Thomas Kitteridge	Andover
34	Hon James Winthrop Esq'r Cambridge	
34	Jonathan Smith Jun'r Esq West Springfield	
34	Edward Upham Esq'r New Salem	
34	Hon James Warren Esq'r Plymouth	
34	Hon Josiah Dean Esq'r Rainham	
34	Hon John Davis Esq'r Barnstable	
34	Gen Timothy Newell Sturbridge	
34	Gen John Whiting Esq Lancaster	

34	Votes	Hon John Bacon Esq Stockbridge
34	"	Hon Wm. Heath Esq Roxbury
34		Hon John Woodman Esq Buxton
34		Hon Charles Turner Esq Turner
34	Votes	Colo Thomas Fillebrown of Hallowell
34	"	John Farley Esq'r New Castle

Electors at large

26	Hon David Cobb Esq'r Goldsbourough
26	Hon Oliver Wendell Esq'r Boston

District Electors

26	Hon John Coffin Jones Esq'r Boston
26	Hon Benjamin Goodhue Esq'r Salem
26	Hon Baily Bartlet Esq'r Haverhill
26	Hon Eleazer Brooks Esq. Lincoln
26	Hon William Shepherd Esq'r Westfield
26	Hon Ebenezer Mulloon Jun Esq Amherst
26	Hon William Seaver Esq. Kingston
26	Hon Ebenezer Bacon Esq Barnstable
26	Hon George Leonard Esq Norton
26	Joseph Allen Esq Worcester
26	Hon Josiah Stearns Esq Luningburg
26	Hon David Rossiter of Richmond
26	Hon Cotton Tufts Esq of Weymouth
26	Hon John Lord Esq Berwick
26	Hon Isaac Parker Esq'r Portland
26	Hon Thomas Rice Esq. Wisscasset
26	Hon Samuel S. Wild Esq'r Hallowell

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline qualified to vote for representatives holden on the 5 day of November 1804 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a

Representative in the Congress of the United States the Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows — Viz.

27 Votes for the Hon Ebenezer Seaver Esq
26 " Thomas B Adams Esq'r
5. Hon Will'm Hale Esq'r
Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Nov 5 1804

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline —

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted That the sum of Sixty dollars be granted and it is hereby Granted for the purpose of hiring a singing Master the Ensuing Winter —

The meeting was then adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town meeting assembled at the Brick school house on Monday 11th Day of March 1805

Stephen Sharp Esq was chosen Moderator

Voted To choose five person to serve as selectmen and assessors, and that they be chosen together

Stephen Sharp Esquire Capt Samuel Croft Deacon Sam'l Clark. Capt Joseph Goddard and Capt John Robinson were chosen Selectmen and Assessors —

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Clerk

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Treasurer

Capt Timothy Horey was chosen surveyor of highways for the 1st North District

Mr Thomas Walley for the 2d North district

Mr Thomas Goddard for the Middle district

Mr. Thaddeus Jackson for the 1st South District

Mr Daniel Dascomb for 2 South District

Mr William Marshall Mr. Nahum Saverns Mr. Benja N Harris and Mr. Caleb Craft Jun. were chosen hogreaves —

Mr James Holden and Mr Nath Murdock were chosen surveyors of wood and Lumber —

Mr Samuel Slack and Mr Amasa Ellis were chosen Fence viewers

Mr Enos Withington and Mr James Leeds were chosen Tythingmen

Mr Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clerk of the Market

Mr. James Leeds was chosen sealer of Leather

Capt Joseph Jones Leuit. Joshua C Clark and Mr. Elijah Child were chosen Feild Drivers —

Mr Jonathan Jackson was chosen pound keeper —

Mr Benja Davis. Mr John Aspinwall Mr Ebenezer Heath & Colo Isaac S. Gardner were chosen firewards —

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Mr Elijah Child offered to serve as constable and Collector of Taxes on the same terms he served the last year Viz for One shilling and Eleven pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall Collect allowing a deduction of One shilling and Sixpence on the pound to all persons that pay their Taxes by the first day of January next.

The Town accept his offer and make choice of him as their constable and Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing —

Doctor William Aspinwall, Colo Isaac S. Gardner & Mr Ebenezer Heath were chosen a committee to Examine The Town Treasurers & School Treasurers Accounts and report a statement thereof to the Town at May meeting —

Capt Joseph Goddard Colo Isaac S. Gardner and Mr. Wm. Ackers were chosen a committee to Examine the Towns Stock of Arms, Uniform &c—

Capt Joseph Jones was chosen a committee to take care of the Towns Stock of Arms, Uniform &c.

Mr Abel Merriam was chosen to take care of the Towns Ammunition —

Voted That the sum of eight hundred and Seventy five dollars be raized and assessed in the usual way to repair the highways and Level the Meeting house plat — (to wit) that Six hundred and twenty five dollars of the same be expended by the Surveyor on the Publick roads and the other two hundred and fifty dollars be expended on the Meeting house plat and that each Surveyor shall work out the two Seventh parts of his tax bill on the said House plat under the direction of Capt John Robinson chairman of the committee to build the meeting house whenever he shall request it and that a single poll shall be assessed the same sum in said Highway Tax as Usual Viz Three shillings and nine pence or half a days work.

Voted To allow one dollar and twenty five cents pr day for a Man and one dollar and twenty five cents for team for work on the Highway —

Voted That that neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of this Town the current year without a keeper —

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for County Treasurer and the same being counted by the Selectmen & Town Clerk it was declared that Isaac Bullard had twenty nine votes

Voted That the brick school House be given up to Mr Peter Banner carpenter for building the Meeting House for his use during the summer season —

Voted That the Selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to Engage Mr Fisher to teach school in the School house in the Middle district One month from the first day of April next — and that Mr Loud the yearly school master continue to Teach school in the North school house four months from the first day of April next. then he or whoever the Selectmen shall engage after his time is out to teach the yearly school) shall teach school four months in the school house in the North District from the first day of August next —

Voted That a Womans school be kept in the school house in the North district Three months from the first day of August next —

Voted That a womans School be kept in the school house in the middle district three months from the first day of May next —

Voted That a Mans School be kept in the North District one Month from the first day of November next —

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day and was adjourned accordingly —

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Brookline warnd as the Constitution directs and holden on the first day of April 1805 being the first Monday in Said month for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Leiutenant Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Senators for the district of Norfolk —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz—For Governor —

37	Votes for his Excellency	Caleb Strong Esq
45	" "	Hon James Sullivan Esq.

Leut Governor —

34	"	his Hon Edw'd H Robbins Esq.
45	"	Hon Will'm Heath Esq'r
1	"	Hon Fisher Ames Esq.
1	"	Capt Joseph Jones

Senators

45.	for the Hon John Howe Esq.
45	Hon John Ellis Esq.
36	Samuel Bass Esq.
33	Thomas Williams Esq.

5 Votes for The Hon Samuel Haven Esq.
1 Hon Edw'd H Robbins Esq.
1 Hon Moses Everett Esq.
1 George W. Stearns
1 Daniel Gibbs

Then the meeting was Dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline April 1. 1805.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned according to Law —

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator

Mr Caleb Craft Mr William Ackers Colo Isaac S. Gardner, Mr Samuel Slack. and Mr Thaddeus Jackson were chosen a Committee to veiw the Church Lot in Needham. and Report to the Town at next May meeting whether in Their Judgment it is expedient to Sell the Wood standing on Said Lot —

Voted That the deficient surveyors of Highways for the Years 1803 and 1804 be authorized and empowered to call on the several Persons Taxed in their Lists to work out their Taxes by the 10th day of May next and Collect the taxes of Such persons or Persons as refuse to work out the same and if any Person or persons shall refuse or neglect to work out or pay the sum or sums he or they are assessed in Said lists on or before the said 10th day of May the Assessors are directed and they are hereby directed to deliver to the Said delinquent Surveyors Warrants of Distress in form prescribed by Law for Collecting the Same —

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day and was adjourned accordingly

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 16. 1805.

The Selectmen moderators —

Voted To send a Representative the current year.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative the same being counted by the Selectmen and there appeared to be twenty seven votes for Stephen Sharp and declaration was made accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 16. 1805.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator.

The Report of the committee for examining The Town Treasrers and School treasurers accounts being read by the chairman of said Committee—

And the Town voted to Accept the report

Voted To raize Two Thousand Dollars on Polls, real & Personal Estate of the Inhabitants for the purpose of paying the Rev'd Mr Peirce his Sallary and defraying the Expences of the Town the current year—

Voted That the Town Treasurer be directed to call on Ebenezer Weld and Phineas Child to pay the Notes in the Town Treasurers hands against them—

Voted To accept the report of the Towns committee appointed to examine the Towns Lot in Needham—

Voted That the selectmen be directed and they are hereby directed to call a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town to be holden on the first Tuesday in October next—in case there is no Town meeting called before that time—

To know whether the Town will Sell all or any part of the Wood on the Towns ministerial Lot in Needham, and Direct when and in what manner it shall be Sold and choose agents for that purpose—

Voted That this town will not consent that John Harris and his Estates may be seperated from the Parish in this Town and annexed to the third Parish in Roxbury—

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline June 19. 1805

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Brookline—

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator—

The Honorable Stephen Higginson Esquire offered To make a present to the Town of a Bell and apperatus lately imported from London if they please to Accept of it—

Voted That the Town gratefully accept the same and return their Thanks to the Honorable Mr Higginson for his valuable present—

Voted That Stephen Sharp Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r and Mr Ebenezer Heath be a committee to wait on the Hon'ble Stephen Higginson Esquire and present him the Thanks of the town and a Copy of the Preceeding Votes respecting the Bell—

Voted That Mr Ebenezer Heath be a committee to get the following Inscription inscribed on the New Bell —

Viz — The Gift of the Honorable Stephen Higginson Esquire to the Town of Brookline 1805.

Voted That Capt John Robinson Mr Nathaniel Murdock and Mr Ebenezer Heath be a committee to Dispose of the old Bell —

Voted To Sell the Wood on the Towns ministerial Lot in Needham except Sixteen cords which is to be reserved for the Reverend Mr Peirce for the next Winter —

Voted That the committee appointed at last May meeting to examine the Towns ministerial Lot in Needham be a committee to sell the wood standing on Said Lot in such a way as they shall think most Beneficial to the Town and that the Proceeds of the sale of said wood to be paid into the Town Treasurer and he is directed to let the same and the Interest to be expended for the purpose of purchasing Wood for the Minister yearly —

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 6th day of February 1806 at the Meeting house —

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Brick School house and was adjourned accordingly where being Met

Voted To choose a committee to remonstrate to the General court at their present session against the Petition of John Harris to be set of with his Estate from the Parish in this Town and annexed to the Third Parish in Roxbury —

William Aspinwall Esq'r Stephen Sharp and Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r were chosen a committee to remonstrate to the General Court at their present session against the prayer of the Petition of Mr John Harris and his Estates to be sett of from the Parish in Brookline and annexed to the Third Parish in Roxbury being Granted

William Aspinwall Esquire declined serving on said committee, Mr Ebenezer Heath was chosen in his room —

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Meeting House holden on the 10th day of March 1806 —

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator —

Voted To Choose five persons to serve the Town as Selectmen and Assessors the ensuing year and that they be chosen together —

Stephen Sharp, Samuel Croft, Samuel Clark John Robinson and Joseph Goddard were chosen Selectmen and Assessors—

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk —

Stephen Sharp was Chosen Town Treasurer —

Elijah Corey was Chosen surveyor of Highways for the 1st North District —

Samuel Griggs for the Second North District

Ebenezer Richards for the Middle District

John Harris for the 1st South district —

Abel Merriam for the 2 South district

John Lucas Jonathan Dana, Thaddeus Jackson and Adam Howe were chosen Hogreaves —

Mr Nath'l Murdock, and James Holden were chosen surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Benjamin Davis and Abraham Farwell were chosen Fence veiwers —

Enos Withington and Samuel Slack were chosen Tythingmen—

Thomas White was chosen Clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather —

James Leeds and Samuel Slack were chosen feild drivers

Jonathan Jackson was chosen Pound keeper —

Benjamin Davis, John Aspinwall Ebenezer Heath and Colo Isaac S. Gardner were chosen Firewards —

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Elijah Child offered to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling and eleven pence on the pound on all taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of one shilling and sixpence on the pound to all persons who pay their Taxes by the first day of January next —

The Town accept his offer and make choice of him as their Constable and collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

William Aspinwall Colo Isaac S. Gardner and Ebenezer Heath were chosen a committee to Examine the Town Treasurers & School Treasurers accounts and report a statement therof to the Town at May meeting —

Capt Joseph Goddard Colo Gardner and William Ackers were chosen a committee to Examine the Towns Stock of Arms, Uniform &c.

Voted That the sum of Eight hundred and seventy five dollars be raized and assessed in the usual way for to Repair the Highways and to level the meeting house plat that Six hundred and Twenty five dollars of the same be expended by the surveyors on the Publick roads and the other two hundred and fifty dollars be expended on the meeting house plat—and that each surveyor shall work out two sevenths parts of his Tax list on the said meeting house plat under the direction of John Robinson chairman of the committee for Building a meeting house whenever he shall require it and that a single poll shall be assessed the same sum in said Highway Tax as Usual Viz. Three shillings and nine pence or half a days work—

Voted To allow one dollar and Twenty five cents ꝑ day for a Man and One dollar and Twenty five cents ꝑ day for a team for work on the Highways—

Then the meeting was adjourned without day.

Attest. Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 7th day of April 1806. for the purpose of giving in their votes. for Governor, Leiutenant Governor and Senators agreable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Votes for the following persons were given in counted and sorted and Declaration thereof made Viz—

For Governor.

44 Votes for his Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.
44 " Hon James Sullivan Esq.

Leutenant Governor

40 Votes for his Hon. Edward H Robbins Esq.
45 " Hon William Heath Esq.
1 " Hon Timothy Bigelow Esq.

Senators

46 Votes for the Hon John Ellis Esq.
44 " Hon John Howe
34 Votes for Elijah Crane Esq.
13 " Thomas Williams Esq.
6 Isaac S. Gardner Esq.
6 Capt Aron Davis

5 Votes for John Baxter Esq.
4 " Hon Ebenezer Warren Esq
1 " Hon Nath Ames Esq.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

April 7. 1806 — At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to Mr Thomas Walley for his handsome present of an Elegant New Bible to the Town —

The Rev. John Pierce was chosen a Committee to waite on Mr. Walley and thank him in behalf of the Town for the handsome present of an Elegant New Bible.

Eliphalet Spurr was chosen a Selectman in room of Capt. Joseph Goddard who declined serving —

Voted That Horses Horse kind and neat Cattle shall not run at large within the limits of this Town the currant year without a keeper —

Voted That the afternoon service on Sabbath days from the first day of May to the last day of August begin at Three O'clock —

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

May 15, 1806 —

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline the Selectmen being Moderators.

Voted To Send a Representative —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows

Eighty five was the whole number of Votes.

Forty three Votes makes a choice —

Isaac S. Gardner Esq had Thirty Seven Votes —

Caleb Craft had one Vote —

Stephen Sharp Esquire had forty seven Votes and was chosen and the Vote was declared accordingly —

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 15 1806.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator —

The committee for examining the Town treasurers and the School Treasurers accounts Reported —

Voted To accept the Report of said Committee —

Voted To raise the sum of Two Thousand one hundred dollars to pay the Rev'd Mr. Pierce his Sallary and defray the usual expenses of the Town the current year —

Then the Meeting was Dissolved—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town clerk

At a meeting of the Town of Brookline on Thursday 22d day of May 1806.

Voted To choose a committee to examine the accounts of the committee employed to Superintend the Building of the New meeting house and make their Report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Mr Thomas White Mr Thomas Walley and Mr William Marshall were chosen a committee for the above said purpose

Voted That the cost of Building the new meeting house and the Interest of any sum or sums of money that may have been borrowed, to pay for building the Same The money voted to the pew holders in the old Meeting house and all such other charges as may have arisen in consequence of Building the new Meeting House (except the land it stands on) be added together and the aggregate sum be apportioned on the whol number of Pews except one assigned for the Ministers Family) according to the respective value of each Pew.

Voted That the right to choose any Pew (subject to the conditions hereafter mentioned) shall be sold to the highest Bidder at

Public Auction being a freeholder or Inhabitant of the Town of Brookline and all Non residents being proprietors of Land in the said Town and those Persons belonging to the first Parish in Roxbury who live west of Muddy River and adjoining Brookline may have an equal priviledge to bid at said Auction and purchase a pew provided they or any of them signify their Intention to bid for the same to the Town Clerk on the day before the sale and the Purchaser shall make his choice forthwith, and shall pay the sum he shall bid for his choice together with the sum apportioned on the Pew of his choice in the following manner Viz Twenty ℘ cent down (which shall be forfeited unless the succeeding payments be made at the times stipulated) and twenty ℘ cent within every sixty succeeding days after the time of Sale untill the whole is paid with the interest on the said payments from the time of sale —

Voted That a deed shall be given by the Town Clerk to each purchaser when his or her payments are completed provided they are made in due season otherwise the purchaser shall not be entitled to his Deed and shall forfeit his Pew and all former payments to the Town.

Voted That no person shall purchase more than one Pew until all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Brookline and all the Non residents and Roxbury people who may have liberty to purchase Shall have had an opportunity to purchase one pew —

Voted That the Town Clerk shall purchase a Book and record therein the Deeds of the Pews and the number of each Pew the Sum assessed upon said number and the sum bid at auction for the choice of said number, and the Town Clerk Shall make a record of all Transfers within three months from the date of the same.

Voted That a committee be appointed to apportion the cost and charges of Building the new Meeting house and the cost of the Pews in the old Meeting house on the Pews in the New Meeting house excepting on the Pew assigned to the ministers family.

That said Committee direct and superintend the Vendue and act for and in behalf of the Town in all respects as far as relates to selling the Pews and they may sell part or all the Pews or stop or adjourn the Auction at their discretion. The committee for building the meeting house were appointed for the above purpose Viz Deacon John Robinson, Mr. Ebenezer Heath, William Aspinwall Esquire Stephen Sharp Esquire Isaac S. Gardner Esquire Capt Joseph Goddard Mr William Ackers and Deacon Samuel Clark

Voted That the money which shall be obtained from the sales of the old Meetinghouse and the money that the Pews in the new meetinghouse shall sell for more than the whole assessment on the same and other Incidental charges to pay any future expenses for cleaning the meetinghouse shall be and is hereby appropriated to repair and Paint the Parsonage house and Fences To pay for the Lot of Land to build the new Meeting house on and to remove Enlarge and rebuild the Brick School house and fill up the hollow west of the same and the remainder to such purposes as the Town shall think best,

Voted That a committee be appointed to pull down the old Meeting house and sell the same in Lots as they may Judge most for the Towns Interest—

Mr Nath'l Murdock Mr James Holden Deacon John Robinson, Mr Ebenezer Heath and Mr William Ackers were appointed a committee to pull down and dispose of the old meeting house agreeable to the above Vote.

Voted That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby appointed and authorized to Receive all the payments for Pews in the new Meeting house that may be Sold and pay the Debts owing by the Town for building the Same.

Voted That the Rev'd John Pierce have the improvement of the Town's land inclosed on the lot purchased to Build the New Meeting house on—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next at three o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Then the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town clerk

Brookline May 27. 1806—

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the old Meeting house by adjournment from 22d May current—

Stephen Sharp being moderator

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the committee for building the New Meeting house

Voted To choose a standing committee to superintend and and take care of the New Meeting house, the Yard and all the appurtenances, and the said committee shall serve till another is chosen in its place which shall be at the pleasure of the Town, at March or April meeting annually

Voted That no Pew holder shall make any alteration in his or her Pew except in the Seat and Ledges below the railing, neither shall any hooks, ledges cloak pins or any other thing be fixed to the walls windows columns or any other part of the meeting house without the consent and approbation of said committee

Voted That to perserve Uniformity and regularity no person shall erect any shed post or any other thing within the Yard of the New Meeting house without the consent and approbation of the said standing Meeting house committee or of the Town.

The Selectmen were chosen a committee for the above purpose

Voted That the Auction of the Pews in the New meeting house shall be on Thursday 5th June next and begin at ten O'clock in the forenoon that notice shall forthwith be given to the Inhabitants of the Town by the constable directed by the Selectmen, that the Committee appointed to superintend the auction be requested to give Suitable notice of the Auction to non resident proprietors and others who have permission to buy a pew and that the Town

Clerk be directed to cause four notifications of the auction to be posted up in different parts of the Town—

Voted That the Dedication of the New Meeting house be on Wednesday the Eleventh day of June next—Devine worship to begin precisely at Three O'Clock, in the afternoon and that the Church and Congregation of this Town will assemble at the said New Meeting house for the purpose of Divine Worship on the next Sunday (June 15.) and afterwards forever.

Then the meeting adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline August 21. 1806

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School house

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted To repair and paint the Parsonage house and build a new fence in front of said house like the fences in front of Mr Thomas Walley's house and a board rail fince on each side of the Fence front of said Parsonage house as far as the land of the parsonage extends.

Voted To build a Wood Shed on the Parsonage

Voted To cut down the Butterwood tree standing near the old Meeting house Yard.

Voted That the Old Meeting house yard be added and it is hereby added to the Parsonage

Voted To build a board rail Fence in the front of said Old meeting house yard

Voted To move and repair the parsonage Barn

Voted To set Trees around the New Meeting house yard

Deacon John Robinson Mr Nathaniel Murdock and Mr Ebenezer Heath were chosen a committee to carry into effect the above Votes

Then The meeting was then adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Brookline Novem 3, 1806

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline qualified by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to vote for Representative holden on the 3d Day of November 1806 for the purpose of Giving in their votes for a representative in the Congress of the United States for the District of Norfolk.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows

Viz 22 Votes for the Hon Ebenezer Seaver Esquire
6 " for His Hon Edward H. Robbins Esquire
1 " for Thomas Boylston Adams Esq'r

Attest Stephen Sharp Town clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School House holden on the 9th day of March 1807

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose three Selectmen

Voted To reconsider the vote to choose three selectmen and choose five Selectmen

Stephen Sharp Esquire Capt Samuel Croft Deacon Samuel Clark Deacon John Robinson and Eliphalet Spurr were chosen Selectmen and Assessors for the ensuing year

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Treasurer

Elijah Corey was Chosen Surveyor of the Highways for the 1st North District

Samuel Easterbrooks for the 2d North district

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire for the Middle district

Caleb Craft Jun. for the 1st South District

Capt Nath Ingersol for 2d South District.

Joseph Griggs, Capt Joseph Jones, Timothy Corey jun'r and Samuel White were chosen Hogreaves

James Holden and Nath Murdock were chosen surveyors of Lumber, Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clerk of the Market

James Leeds was chosen Sealer of Leather

Charles Stearns and Henry Atherton were chosen field drivers

Jonathan Jackson was chosen pound Keeper

Joseph Griggs and Elijah Corey were chosen Tythingmen

John Aspinwall Eben'r Heath Cols Isaac S Gardner and John Robinson were chosen firewards

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Elijah Child offered to serve as constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling and Eleven pence on the pound on all Taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of one shilling and six pence on the pound to all persons that shall pay their Taxes by the first day of January next,

William Aspinwall Esq Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r and Mr. Eben'r Heath were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers and school Treasurers accounts,

Capt Joseph Goddard Col Isaac S. Gardner and Mr William Ackers were chosen a committee to examine the Towns Stock of Arms Uniform &c,

Voted That the sum of Six hundred and Twenty five dollars be raised to Repair the Highways to be assessed on the last years Valuation and worked out by the surveyors in the usual way Viz allowing one dollar and twenty five cents pr Day for a man & One dollar and twenty five cents for a team and the single poll to be taxed half a days work

Col Isaac S. Gardner, Mr Ebenezer Heath and Mr Jonathan Hammond were chosen a Committee to agree with the agents for Building Worcester turnpike relative to the Road from Mr Goddards land to Mr Heath's corner and to do what in their Judgement may be most for the Benefit of the Town respecting the Same

Voted To Allow the South District fifty dollars over and above their proportion of the Highway tax for the current year to be worked out on the Highways under the direction of Mr Caleb Craft who is hereby appointed for that purpose, said sum to be drawn out of the Treasury by the Selectmen's order —

Voted That D'n John Robinson Mr Nathaniel Murdock and Mr Ebenezer Heath be a committee to examine the meeting house Yard and Report to the Town how many sheds may be erected without discommoding said yard and where it will be most convenient to set them,

Voted Unanimously that this Town will not consent that mr. John Harris may be set off with any part of his Estate to the Third Parish in Roxbury

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for County Treasurer Viz Twenty six Votes for Isaac Bullard

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors holden on the Sixth day of April being the first Monday of said Month in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and seven for the purpose of giving in their Votes for, Governor Lieutenant Governor and senators and Counsellors of said Commonwealth,

Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted and Counted and declaration thereof made Viz.

For Governor

60 Votes for the Hon Samuel Sullivan Esq
51 for His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq

For Lieut. Governor

61 Votes for Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq
47 " His Hon. Edward H Robbins Esq
1 " Hon Timothy Bigelow Esq
1 " Hon Thomas Hutchenson Esq

[Senators]

61 Votes for the Hon John Howe
56 " Mr Ebenezer Fisher
49 " Capt Aron Davis
47 " Gen'l Elijah Crane
1 " Joseph Bernns
1 " Dav'd S. Greenough Esq—
Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 6th day of April 1807.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Deacon John Robinson was chosen to serve on the committee for examining the Town treasurers and Treasurers accounts in Room of Doct Aspinwall who declined serving

Voted That Horses Horse Kind and neat cattle shall not run at large within the Limits of this Town the current year without a keeper.

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the qualified Voters in the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of choosing a Representative holden on the 14th day of May 1807

The Selectmen being Moderators

Voted To send a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative and upon Counting and Sorting the Votes there appeared to be

43 Votes for Stephen Sharp
9 Votes for John Robinson
2 " for Thomas White

and declaration was made accordingly

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

Town Meeting *May* 14*th* 1807

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

The Report of the committee chosen to examine the Town treasurers and School Treasurers accounts being read The Town

Voted To accept said report

Voted To raize Two Thousand two hundred dollars to pay the Rev'd John Pierce his Salary and defray the usual expenses of the Town the current year,

Voted That Capt Timothy Corey and Elijah Corey have liberty and they are hereby granted liberty to build a Tomb in the Burying place

And the selectmen were chosen a committee to direct where said Tomb shall be built.

Voted That Samuel Easterbrook Surveyor for the current year be directed and he is hereby directed to repay the Stones borrowed by Samuel Griggs Surveyor for 1805 out of the stones that belong to the Town and that Mr Samuel Griggs superintend the business —

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r John Robinson and Thomas Walley were chosen a committee to examine the Town treasurers accounts respecting money borrowed and paid out to build the meeting house and respecting money received for Pews and paid out,

To examine the accounts of the committee for building the meeting house and the accounts of the committee for pulling down and Selling the old meeting house and to lay an account of particulars before the Town at the next Town meeting

Then the meeting was adjourned without day.

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law holden on the 14th day of March 1808

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose five Selectmen

Stephen Sharp. Capt Samuel Croft, Samuel Clark John Robinson and Eliphalet Spurr were chosen Selectmen,

Enos Withington was chosen Surveyor of the Highways and Town ways for the 1st North district

Joshua Griggs for the Second North District

Benjamin White jun'r for the Middle district

Elijah Child for the 1st South district

Nathaniel Murdock for the 2 South district

Ro. S. Davis, Isaac Farrington and Samuel White were chosen Hogreaves

Nath. Murdock & Geo W. Stearns were chosen Surveyors of Wood & Lumber

Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clk of the Market

Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Capt Joshua C Clark and John Harris were chosen Field drivers

Jonas Tolman and Joshua Griggs were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Eben'r Heath John Robinson and John Aspinwall were chosen Fire wards

Jonathan Jackson was chosen pound keeper

Voted To hire a constable and collector of Taxes

Elijah Child offered to Serve as constable and collector of Taxes for one shilling and eleven pence on the pound for all taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of one shilling and six pence on the pound to all persons that shall pay their Taxes by the first day of January next.

The Town accept his offer and made choice of him for their constable and collector of Taxes

Voted To give the Rev'd John Pierce one hundred and fifty dollars pr year in addition to his Stated Salary beginning the 12th of March last, to be continued during the pleasure of the Town, Isaac S. Gardner Esq Ebenezer Heath and John Robinson were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers and School Treasurer's accounts,

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Capt Joseph Goddard and Major Joseph Jones were chosen a committee to examine the Town's stock of arms, Uniform, Ammunition &c.

Joseph Griggs and Samuel Slack were chosen fence Viewers

Voted To raize the sum of six hundred and twenty five dollars to repair the Highways and that said sum be assessed and worked out under the direction of the surveyors in the usual way

Capt Joshua C. Clark was chosen to take care of the Town's uniform.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for County Treasurer Viz 25 Votes for Isaac Bullard

Voted To give the Rev'd John Pierce Fifty dollars for collecting materials for his century sermon

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourth day of April being the first Monday in Said Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eight for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth and for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Norfolk

Votes for the following persons were given in sorted and counted Record and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed

Viz for Governor

64 Votes for his Excelency James Sullivan Esq

49 " Hon Christo'r Gore Esq

Lieut Governor

64 Votes for the Hon Levi Lincoln Esq
45 " Hon Daniel Cobb Esq
1 " David Crane Esq
1 " Samuel Slack Esq

[Senators]

63 Votes for the Hon John Howe Esq
47 " Elijah Crane Esq
37 " Ebenezer Fisher Esq
48 " Stephen Baulam Esq
16 " William Brewer Esq

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 12th day of May 1808 for the purpose of choosing a Representative

The Selectmen Moderators

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz

Thirty four Votes for Stephen Sharp Esquire and declaration was made accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 12 1808

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 12th of May 1808.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

The committee chosen last March meeting to examine the Town Treasurers and School Treasurs accounts — laid an account of particulars before the Town

The Town Voted to accept the Same

Voted To raize Two Thousand dollars to pay the Rev'd John Pierce his Salary and Defray the usual Expenses of the Town the current year

Voted That neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of this Town the current year without a keeper.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to examine a new road through the land by Caleb Craft, John Goddard and Thaddeus Jackson, and Report their opinion at the next November meeting whether it is expedient for the Town to accept said road as a Town Road.

Voted That the sum of Seventy dollars be granted and it is hereby granted for the purpose of Repairing this Town's Stock of Uniforms Coats &c and that said sum be assessed in the next Town Tax.

General Gardner Capt Goddard and Capt Robinson were chosen a committee to expend said money for the above purpose

Voted That Capt Joseph Goddard have liberty to build a Tomb in the burying yard

Then the meeting was adjourned without day—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court holden on the 7th day of November being the first monday in said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eight for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the congress of the United States for the district of Norfolk. Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted Counted, Record and declaration thereof made as is by Law directed—Viz

For the Hon Ebenezer Seaver Esq'r forty six Votes

Hon Edward H. Rollins forty Votes

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline holden on the 6th day of March 1809.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted To choose three persons to serve as Selectmen and Assessors the ensuing year

Stephen Sharp Esquire Capt Samuel Croft & Deacon Samuel Clark were chosen to serve as Selectmen and assessors

Capt Croft and Deacon Clark declined serving and Major Robinson and Mr Eliphalet Spurr were chosen in their Room

Stephen Sharp Esq'r was chosen Town Clerk

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Treasurer

Mr Timothy Corey Jun Major Joseph Jones Mr John Lucas Mr Joseph Winship and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen Surveyors of Highways

George W. Stearns, Samuel White and John Woodward Jun were chosen Hogreaves

Nathaniel Murdock and George W. Stearns were chosen surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

William Lawton was chosen clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Capt Joshua Clark and Ebenezer Heath were chosen Field drivers

Robert S. Davis and Joseph Griggs were chosen Fence Viewers

Timothy Corey Jun & Joseph Griggs were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Ebenezer Heath Maj'r John Robinson and John Aspinwall were chosen Firewards

Benjamin White jun'r was chosen pound keeper

Voted To Hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing

Elijah Child offered to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling and eleven pence on the pound for all taxes he shall collect allowing one shilling and six pence on the pound to all persons that shall pay their taxes on or before the first day of January next

The Town accepted his offer and made choice of him as their constable and collector of Taxes

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Mr Ebenezer Heath and Major John Robinson were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers and School treasurers accounts and report at May meeting

Capt Goddard Maj'r Robinson and Major Jones were chosen a committee to examine the Towns stock of arms Ammunition &c—

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for county Treasurer Viz Thirty Six Votes for John Bullard.

Voted To raize the sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars to repair the Highways the present year

Voted Not to excuse the Engine men from serving as Jurors

Voted That Neat cattle Horses and horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of this Town the current year without a keeper

Capt Goddard Capt Clark, and Mr Nathaniel Murdock were chosen a committee to examine the road leading from the Brick School house to Mrs Boylstons

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day

Then the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Senators holden on the third day of April being the first Monday in said month in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said commonwealth and Senators and Counsellors for the District of Norfolk

Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, Counted

Record and declaration made thereof as by the Constitution is directed Viz

for Governor

His Hon Levi Lincoln Esq	77 Votes
Hon Christo'r Gore Esq	61 Votes

For Lieut Governor

Hon Jos. B Varnum Esq	77 Votes
David Cobb Esq	61 "

For Senators

Hon John Howe	73 Votes
Samuel Day Esq	72 "
Hon Elijah Crane Esq	58 "
James Richardson	57 "

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the Third day of April 1809

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted Not to excuse John Lucas esquire from serving as surveyor of Roads for the middle district

Mr William Ackers was chosen surveyor of Roads in Room of John Lucas Esquire in case he declines serving and pays his fine

Voted That the Town will be at the Expense of purchasing Lumber to build a pound in the Lower part of the Town

Mr Joseph Griggs Robert S. Davis and Mr Thomas Walley were chosen a committee to provide a place and build a pound in the Lower Part of the Town

Voted That the Town will give One hundred dollars towards Supporting Three womans schools the summer Season Viz one in the North district one in the South district and one in the Middle district

Mr Ebenezer Richards Deacon John Robinson—and Mr Elijah Childs were chosen a committee to provide School Mistrisses

Mr Joseph Griggs was chosen pound keeper

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

May 18*th* 1809

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Representative The Selectmen being Moderators

Voted To Send a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative

The Same being counted by the Selectmen there was forty seven Votes for Stephen Sharp Esquire

and declaration made that he was Unanimously chosen

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town Meeting *May* 18*th* 1809

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

The committee on accounts made their report which was accepted by a Vote of the Town

Voted To raize the sum of Two thousand seven hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the current year and pay the Reverend Mr John Pierce his Salary

Voted To accept the Report of the committee on Military Stores

Voted That Capt Goddard Capt Clark & Mr Nath Murdock be a committee to move and set the wall at the curve of the road leading to Mrs. Boylstons as now Staked out at the expense of the Town

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to give Mr. Perkins liberty to Straighten the wall between his land and the Road opposite Capt Babcocks provide it does not damage the road

Voted To Grant Thirty dollars to the singing Society

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 12th day of March 1810.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose Three men to serve as Selectmen and assessors

Stephen Sharp Major John Robinson and Mr Eliphalet Spurr were chosen Selectmen and assessors

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

Major John Robinson was chosen surveyor of the highways for the first North district

Mr Eliphalet Spurr for the 2d North district

Mr Eben'r Richards for the Middle district

Mr Henry Atherton for the first South district

Mr John Warren for the 2 South district

Mr David Hyslop Mr Robert Harris Mr Artemas Stone Mr Abel Hubbard Mr Charles Adams Mr Thad's Jackson Jun Mr James White Mr Samuell Phipps and Mr John Frazer were chosen Hogreaves

Mr Eliphalet Spurr was chosen clerk of the market

Mr Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Mr Samuel Slack and Mr Benjamin White Jun were chosen field drivers

Capt Joshua C Clark and Mr Robert S. Davis were chosen Fence Viewers

Timothy Corey and Robert S. Davis were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S Gardner Esq'r Mr Ebenezer Heath Major John Robinson Mr Daniel Pierce and Mr Robert S. Davis were chosen Firewards

Mr Daniel Pierce and Mr Robert S Davis were chosen pound keepers

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Mr Elijah Child offered to serve as constable and collector of taxes for one shilling and eleven pence on all moneys he shall collect allowing a deduction of one shilling and six pence on the pound to all persons that pay their Taxes by the first day of January next

The Town accept his offer and made choice of him for their constable and collector of Taxes

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Mr Ebenezer Heath and Mr Oliver Whyte were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers and School treasurer's accounts

Doct William Aspinwall Esq Major John Robinson and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen a committee to examine accounts relative to the Meeting House

Major Joseph Jones Capt Joshua C. Clark and Mr Oliver Whyte were chosen a committee to examine the Towns stock of Arms, ammunition Uniform &c.

Capt George W. Stearns was chosen a committee to take charge of the Towns Uniforms

Voted To raize the Sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars to be assessed and worked out on the Highways in the Usual way

The Inhabitants brought in twenty five Votes for County treasurer Viz for John Bullard

Then the Meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors holden on the Second day of April being the first monday in Said month in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth and Senators and Counsellers for the district of Norfolk.

Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, counted, Record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed to wit

For Governor

77 Votes for the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq'r
51 “ His Excellency Christo Gore Esq'r

For Lieutenant Governor

76 Votes for the Hon William Gray Esq'r
48 David Cobb Esq

For Senators and Counsellors

79 Votes for the Hon John Howe Esq'r
73 “ Samuel Day
45 “ Gen Elijah Crane
45 “ James Richardson

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 17th day of May 1810 for the purpose of choosing a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative the same being counted by the selectmen, Stephen Sharp Esquire had thirty one Votes and was unanimously Chosen and declaration was made accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 17th day of May 1810.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was Chosen Moderator

The report of the committee appointed by the Town to examine the the Town treasurers account Relative to the New Meeting House was Read

Voted To accept the Report of said Committee

The Report of the committee appointed to examine the Town treasurers and School treasurers accounts was read

Voted To accept the Report of said committee

Voted To raize the Sum of Two Thousand Two hundred dollars by a Tax on the Polls, Real and Personal estates of the Inhabitants and on the Estates of Non resident possessors for the purpose of paying the Rev'd John Pierce his stated Salary and defraying the Usual necessary expenses of the Town the current year

Voted To abate Abraham Farwells tax for the year 1806

Voted To abate one half of Abraham Farwells Tax for the year 1807

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to John Lucas Esq for a Present of Four hundred dollars expended in building the New Meeting House and purchasing an Elegant clock for the same

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to the committee for building the Meeting house for their good services

Voted That the sum of one hundred dollars be granted for the purpose of supporting Womens schools the ensuing summer to be drawn out of the Treasury by the Selectmens order

Voted To excuse Henry Atherton from serving as surveyor of Highways in case he pays his fine

Then the Meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 5th day of November 1810 being the first monday in said month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the district of Norfolk the Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz

For the Hon Ebenezer Seaver	33 Votes
Timothy Jackson Esq	9 Votes

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 11th day of March 1811

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose three persons to serve as selectmen & assessors.

Stephen Sharp, Major John Robinson & Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen Selectmen and Assessors

Stephen Sharp was chosen Town Treasurer

William Aspinwall Esq Robert S. Davis Ebenezer Heath Robert Harris and Timothy Townsend were chosen surveyors of the Highways

Capt Joshua C. Clark John Warren Benjamin White Jun and Jessee Woodward were chosen Hogreaves

Nathaniel Murdock and James Holden were chosen Surveyors of Wood & Lumber

William Gooch was chosen clerk of the Market

James Leeds was chosen Sealer of Leather

Henry Atherton & Samuel Slack were chosen Field drivers

Capt Joshua C Clark and Thaddeus Jackson were chosen Fence viewers

Artemas Stone and James Leeds were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Ebenezer Heath Major John Robinson, Robert S Davis and Daniel Pierce were chosen Firewards

Daniel Pierce & Abel Hubbard were chosen pound keepers

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Major John Robinson and Ebenezer Heath were chosen to examine the Town treasurers and school treasurers accounts and report at May meeting

Doct William Aspinwall esq Major John Robinson and Capt Joseph Goddard were chosen to examine the Town treasurers accounts relative to the meeting house

Major Joseph Jones Capt Joshua C. Clark and Capt George W, Stearns were chosen a committee to examine the Towns stock of Uniform, Arms, &c

Voted To Hire a constable and collector of Taxes

Benjamin Bradley offered to serve as constable and collector of Taxes for one Shilling and nine pence on the pound for all taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of 1/6 on the pound to all persons that shall pay their Taxes by the 1st day of January next

The Town accept his offer and made choice of him for their constable and collector of Taxes for the present year.

Mr John Hains's petition was read and referred to April meeting

Voted That Horses, Horse kind and neat cattle shall not run at large within the Limits of this Town the current year without a keeper

Voted That a number of Persons, have liberty and they are hereby granted Liberty to enlarge the Southwest room of the Parsonage house at their own expense

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County Register Viz fifty Votes for Eliphalet Pond Esquire

For a County Treasurer fifty Votes for John Bullard

Then The meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the commonwealth of Massachusetts and Senators and councillors for the District of Norfolk

Said meeting being holden on the first day of April 1811. The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz

For Governor

For his Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esq Seventy three Votes
Hon. Christo'r Gore Esq Forty five Votes

For Lieutenant Governor

For his Hon William Gray Esq Seventy three Votes
Hon William Phillips Esq Seventy two Votes
Thomas Greenleaf Esq one Vote

For Senators

For the Hon John Howe Esq seventy two Votes
Samuel Day Esq seventy two Votes
Thomas Greenleaf Esq Forty three Votes
James Richardson Esq Forty three Votes
William Phillips Esq one Vote
Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *April* 1. 1811.

Stephen Sharp was chosen moderator

Voted To Excuse William Aspinwall from serving as Surveyor of the Highways

Stephen Sharp was chosen Surveyor of Highways and declined serving

Voted To Excuse Stephen Sharp from Serving as Surveyor of Highways

James Leeds was chosen surveyor of Highways and declined serving—the Town

Voted not to Excuse James Leeds from serving as surveyors of Highways

Voted Unanimously that this Town will not consent to John Harris's being set off from this Town to the third parish in Roxbury—

Voted That Messrs. Adams and Phelps have liberty to work out their highway Tax the present year on their own road

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 16th day of May 1811

The Selectmen being moderators

Voted To choose a Representative

The Inhabitants gave in their Votes for a Representative as follows Viz Thirty five Votes for John Robinson and Fifty eight Votes for Stephen Sharp and declaration was made accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 16th day of May 1811

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

The committee chosen to examine the Town Treasurers and School treasurers accounts made their report

Voted To accept the same

Voted To raize the sum of Two Thousand two hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the Rev'd John Pierce his Sallary and defraying the Usual necessary charges of the Town the Current year

The committee chosen to examine the Town Treasurers accounts relative to the meeting house made their Report

Voted To accept the same

Voted That the Town treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed to call on all persons who owe for Pews in the meeting house for payment and in case they cannot pay the money to take their notes for the same

Stephen Sharp Esquire Isaac S. Gardner Esq and Mr Ebenezer Heath were chosen a committee to oppose John Harris's being set of to the third Parish in Roxbury

Major John Robinson, Elijah Childs and Joseph White were chosen a committee to provide Womens schools as last year

Joseph Goddard was chosen to serve on the school committee in room of Capt Samuel Croft

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 9th day of March 1812

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose three Selectmen and that they be chosen together

Voted That the Selectmen serve as Assessors

Voted That the Selectmen for the present year be directed and they are hereby directed to assess and commit the Taxes for the year 1812 to the collector by the first day of September next

Stephen Sharp Esquire Major Robinson and Joseph Goddard Esquire were chosen Selectmen and Assessors

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Treasurer

Charles Stearns was chosen surveyor of Highways for the first North district

Thomas White for the Second North District

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r for the Middle district

John De coster for the 1st South district

Capt Joshua C. Clark for the 2d South district

James Holden, Joshua Griggs Oliver Whyte & Samuel Craft were chosen Hogreaves

Nath Murdock and Abe Hubbard were chosen surveyors of Wood & Lumber

Oliver Whyte was chosen Clerk of the Market

James Leeds was chosen Sealer of Leather

Robert S. Davis & Harris Child were chosen field drivers

Henry Atherton & Charles Stearns were chosen fence viewers

Robert S. Davis and Erastus Champney were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Eben'r Heath Maj'r John Robinson, Robert S. Davis and Daniel Pierce were chosen Firewards

Charles Stearns and Daniel Pierce were chosen Pound keepers

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Major John Robinson, and Eben'r Heath were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers and School treasurers accounts and Report at May Meeting

William Aspinwall Esq'r Major John Robinson and Joseph Goddard Esq were chosen a committee to examine the Town Treasurers accounts relative to the Meeting house

Major Jos Jones Capt Joshua C. Clark and Capt George W.

Stearns were chosen a committee to Examine the Towns Stock of Arms Ammunitions Uniform &c

Voted To Hire a constable and Collector of Taxes

Benjamin Bradley offered to Serve for one Shilling & Eight pence on the pound on all taxes he shall collect allowing a deduction of 1/6 on the pound to all that pay their Taxes by the first of January next

The Town accept his offer and make choice of him for their Constable and Collector of Taxes for the present year

Voted To raize the sum of six hundred and twenty five dollars to Repair the Highways and that it be assessed on the last years valuation and worked out in the usual way

Voted To pay the whole expense of the singing school the winter past and that the Committee exhibit an account of the Expenses of the same to the Selectmen and that they draw an order on the Town Treasurer for the Money

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to make enquirey relative to Edward K. Walcotts fencing in a piece of Land at the corner between the Cambridge road and the Marsh road and report at April meeting

Voted That Horses Horse kind and Neat Cattle shall not run at large within the limits of the Town the current year without a keeper

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a county treasurer and upon counting the same there appeared to be thirty eight Votes for John Bullard

Then the meeting was dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Senators for the district of Bristol and Norfolk said meeting being holden on the Sixth day of April 1812 being the first Monday in said Month the Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz.

For Governor

Seventy four Votes for his Excell'y Elbridge Gerry Esq'r
Seventy three " for Caleb Strong Esq

For Lieutenant Governor

Seventy four Votes for the Hon William King Esq'r
Seventy three " for the Hon William Phillips Esq

For Senators

Amasa Stetson Esq Seventy five Votes
Joseph Bemis Esq Seventy five Votes
Thomas Hazard Jun Esq Seventy five Votes
Joseph Tisdale Esq Seventy five Votes
Silvester Brownell Esq Seventy one Votes
Samuel Crocker Esq Seventy one Votes
Elijah Crane Esq Seventy one Votes
James Richardson Esq Seventy one Votes

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of choosing a Representative holden on the 14th day of May 1812

Voted To choose a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their votes as follows Viz one Vote for, Major John Robinson one Vote for Joseph Goddard Esquire

Fifty Seven Votes for Isaac S. Gardner Esquire

Sixty Eight Votes for Stephen Sharp Esquire and he was chosen and declaration was made by the Selectmen accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 14. 1812

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator

The committee chosen to examine the Town Treasurers and

School treasurers accounts made their Report. which was accepted by a Vote of the Town

Voted to raize the sum of Two Thousand six hundred dollars to pay the Rev'd John Pierce his Stated salary and defray the usual necessary expenses of the Town the current year

The committee chosen to examine the Meeting house accounts made their report which was accepted by a Vote of the Town.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to collect all debts due to the Town for Pews in the meeting house in the term of six months from this date

Voted That the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed and Expended for womens Schools distributed as usual—

Caleb Craft Jun'r John Kingsbury and James Leeds were chosen a committee to provide women to teach said Schools

Then the Meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives in the general Court holden on the Second day of November being the first Monday in said month in the Year of our Lord 1812, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of said commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for Norfolk district—Votes for the following persons were given in. Sorted, Counted, Record and declaration thereof made as by the Law is directed to wit

For Nathaniel Ruggles Esquire Sixty four Votes
Hon Ebenezer Seaver Esq Fifty nine Votes
John Howe Esq'r Four Votes

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *November* 2 1812

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator

Isaac S Gardner Esq Mr Benjamin Goddard were chosen a committee to confer with Richard Sullivan Esquire respecting moving the Brick school house and to report at the next Town Meeting

Voted That this meeting be adjourned without day

Then this meeting was adjourned accordingly—

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting held at Brookline in the County of Norfolk on the 12th day of November in the year 1812 for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, the undernamed persons had the number of Votes to their names respectively annexed Viz

For the Hon William Heath Esq'r	Sixty five Votes
William Rotch Jun Esq'r	Sixty five Votes
Joshua Thomas Esq'r	Sixty five Votes
David Scudder Esq'r	Sixty five Votes
Hon John Adams Esq'r	Fifty two Votes
Nath'l Morton	Fifty two "
John Davis Esq	Fifty two "
Rev Joseph Barker	Fifty two "

Isaac S Gardner Esquire William Aspinwall Esquire Capt Joshua C Clark Mr Benjamin Goddard Mr Samuel Croft Mr Nath'l Murdock and Major John Robinson were chosen a committee to consult relative to the expediency of moving the Brick school house

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 8th day of March 1813,

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Town Clerk

Voted To choose three persons to serve as Selectmen and Assessors

Stephen Sharp Esq Major John Robinson and Joseph Goddard Esq were chosen Selectmen & Assessors.

John Ellsworth Thomas Griggs Benjamin White Jun'r John C Woodward and Nathaniel Murdock were chosen surveyors of the Highways

Mr Caleb Craft and Benjamin Bradley were chosen Hogreaves

Nathaniel Murdock and James Holden were chosen Surveyors of Wood & Lumber

Oliver Whyte was chosen Clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman was chosen Sealer of Leather

Henry Atherton and John Warren were chosen field drivers

Thaddeus Jackson and Charles Stearns were chosen fence Viewers

James Leeds and Joseph Goddard were chosen Tythingmen

Isaac S. Gardner, Esq'r Major John Robinson, Mr Ebenezer Heath, Robert S. Davis and Daniel Pierce were chosen Firewards

Charles Stearns and Daniel Pierce were chosen pound keepers

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Maj Joshn Robinson and Mr Oliver Whyte were chosen a committee to Examine the Town Treasurs and School treasurers accounts

William Aspinwall Esq Maj John Robinson and Joseph Goddard Esq were chosen to examine the Meeting house accounts—

Major Joseph Jones, Capt Joshua C. Clark Capt George W. Stearns were chosen a committee to Examine the Towns stock of Arms and Ammunitions—

Voted To hire a Constable and Collector of Taxes

Benjamin Bradley offered to serve as constable and Collector of Taxes for one shilling and Eight pence on the pound allowing a deduction of one Shilling and Sixpence on the pound to all persons who pay their taxes by the first day of January next

Benjamin Bradley was chosen constable and Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing

Voted To raize the sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars to repair the highways and that said sum be assessed as usual

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire Mr Benjamin Goddard and Major John Robinson were appointed a committee to confer with Richard Sullivan Esquire respecting moving the Brick School house

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to see whether it is Expedient to make any alterations in the Towns districts for repairing the Highways

The Inhabitants brought in Thirty six Votes for County Treasurer Viz John Bullard

The Committee on moving the Brick School house made their Report which was accepted by the Town

Voted That the meeting be adjourned without day

Then the meeting was adjourned Accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 5th day of April 1813 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz

For Governor

Ninty two Votes for His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq
Sixty Nine " for Hon Joseph B. Varnum Esq

For Lieutenant Governor

Ninty two Votes for Hon William Phillips Esq
Sixty Nine " for Hon William King Esq

Senators

Ninty one	Votes	for	Silvanus Brownell Esq
Ninty one	"	"	Samuel Crocker Esq
Ninty one	"		James Richardson Esq
Ninty one	"		Joseph Heath Esq
Sixty Eight	"		Thomas Hazard Esq
Sixty Eight	"		James Tisdale Esq
Sixty Eight	"		John Howe Esq
Sixty Eight	"		Joseph Bemis Esq

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *April 5th* 1813

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the limits of this town without a keeper

Voted To accept the Report of their Committee chosen the 8th March last to see it is expedient to make any alteration in the Highway districts, Report as follows, That the polls & Estates of Mrs Elizabeth Patridges and Mr William Gooch ought to be taxed in the highways list for the first south district and worked out therein and that the Polls and Estates of Mr John Goddard Mr Benjamin Goddard and Mr. Thomas H. Perkins be taxed in the Highway list for the Second South district and worked out therein.

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 13th May 1813.

for the purpose of choosing a Representative

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows Viz.

Fifty three Votes for Stephen Sharp Esq
One “ William Aspinwall Jun'r
One “ Ebenezer Heath
Sixty “ Isaac S. Gardner Esq and he was chosen and declaration was made accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

Town meeting *May* 13*th* 1813

Stephen Sharp was chosen Moderator

The committee appointed to examine the Town treasurers and School treasurers accounts—made their Report which was Accepted by a Vote of the town

The committee appointed for examining the meeting house accounts made their Report which was accepted by a Vote of the Town.

The committee for examining the military stores made their report which was accepted by a Vote of the Town

Voted To raize the sum of Two Thousand three hundred dollars to defray the usual necessary expenses of the Town the current year

Voted To raize the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of Discharging Mr David Hyslops note against the Town in part

Stephen Sharp, John Robinson and Ebenezer Heath were chosen a committee to settle with Mr Joseph White respecting the pew of Samuel White (Deceased)

Voted That one hundred dollars be granted and drawn out of the treasury and expended equally for womens schools, in the three several districts in the Town the ensuing summer

Charles Stearns Caleb Craft Jun and Daniel Perry were chosen a committee to provide Preceptoresses to teach said schools

Then the meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 15th day of September 1813.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen moderator

The Inhabitants brought in their votes for County register to fill up the Vacancy occasioned by the death of Eliphalet Pond Esquire as follows

Twenty Votes for John Gould of Dedham

Six Votes for James Ford Esquire

Voted To choose a committee to confer with Richard Sullivan esquire respecting removing the Brick School house and levelling the ground west of the same

Mr Benjamin Goddard, Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Major John Robinson were chosen a committee for the above purpose and to report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted That when this meeting is adjourned it be adjourned until the first Monday in October next at four O'clock in the afternoon then to meet at the Brick school house

Then the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk.

October 4. 1813

The Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline being met according to adjournment from the 15th day of September last.

Stephen Sharp being moderator

Voted That Isaac S. Gardner Esq Mr Benjamin Goddard and Maj'r John Robinson be a committee invested with full powers to covenant in behalf of the Town with Richard Sullivan esquire that the Triangular piece of Land belonging to the Town laying between the roads and bounded eastwardly on land of said Sullivan shall lay common for publick accommodation and that no building shall be erected thereon hereafter so long as the meeting house shall stand on the place where it is now erected — Reserving the right of continuing the present school House thereon as it now stands as long as the Town shall see fit upon the condition that he pays the sum of Two hundred dollars when the Town shall remove the school house and Purchase of the Town a Pew in the meetinghouse at the original appraisement, he to have his Choice from the Pews unsold.

Then the meeting was dissolved

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline holden on the 31st day of January 1814.

Stephen Sharp Esquire was chosen Moderator

Voted That Isaac S. Gardner Esquire Major John Robinson and Mr William Ackers be a committee to transact any business in behalf of the Town respecting the petition of Isaac P. Davis and others to the general court for liberty to build a dam from Charles Street in Boston across the Bay and over Brookline Marshes to Sewalls point

Then this meeting was adjourned without day

Attest Stephen Sharp Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School House warned and assembled according to Law March 14. 1814 —

General Isaac S. Gardner was chosen Moderator

When the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to serve in Their respective Offices the ensuing year

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Joseph Goddard and Isaac S. Gardner Esq Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

William Aspinwall Jun. Oliver Whyte Jonathan Jacksen Samuel Craft and Nathaniel Ingersol surveyors of Highways

James Holden and Nathaniel Murdock surveyors of wood & Lumber

George W. Stearns Clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman Sealer of Leather

Charles Stearns and Benjamin White Fence Viewers

Robert S. Davis Field Driver

Benjamin Bradley was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes which he is to collect for ten pr cent on the amount collected subject to a deduction of Eight ℘ cent to all who pay their Taxes by the first day of January next

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Dea John Robinson Mr Ebenezer Heath Robert S. Davis and Daniel Pierce Firewards

John Robinson, Joseph Goddard & Isaac S. Gardner Esquire committee on acc'ts

William Aspinwall Esq. Deacon John Robinson Capt Joseph Goddard committee on meeting house acc'ts

Maj. Jos. Jones Capt Joshua C. Clark and Capt George W. Stearns committee on Towns Stock of arms &c

Charles Stearns and Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

John Bullard had 32 Votes for County Treasurer

Voted Six hundred and twenty five dollars for Highway Tax to be apportioned and worked out as last year —

O. Whyte Town Clerk

April 4th 1814

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators as the Constitution of the Commonwealth directs —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes as follows

For Governor

His Excellency. Caleb Strong Esquire 80 Votes
Hon. Samuel Dexter 61. —

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon William Phillips	79. Votes
Hon William Gray	61 —

For Senators

Hon Joseph Heath	80 Votes
James Richardson	80 —
John Howe	61 —
Joseph Bemis	61 —

O. Whyte Town Clerk

Geo W Stearns was licensed as Auctioneer

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and Assembled May 9th 1814 When the Votes were given in for Representative —

For Isaac S. Gardner Esquire	59 Votes
Stephen Sharp Esquire	49 "
William Aspinwall Esq	1 "

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

Voted Unanimously One hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the Rev'd John Pierce's salary commencing with the year 1813.

Voted That there be raized for the expenses of the Town the present year Twenty eight hundred dollars —

Voted That the Reports of the several committees be accepted

Voted That the Town Treasurer be instructed to enforce the collection without delay all the outstanding debts due for Pews, in the meeting house that have been sold or leased, and that he apply the proceeds thereof to the discharge of the debts due from the Town for building said House or for the purchase of the land appertaining to it — and Report his proceedings at our next Town meeting

Voted That the Treasurer be instructed to pay any surplus in his hands to Mr Hyslop towards the Extinguishment of his bond against the Town

Voted That there be one hundred dollars raized for the support of Womens Schools — and then James Leeds, Daniel Pierce and John C Woodward, be committee men to provide Mistresses for their several districts

The meeting was then adjourned

O. White Town Clerk

Certificate presented to the selectmen of Brookline

We the subscribers certify that Richard Trow of Brookline is a member of the society in this Town of Dorchester called the second Parish

Edw Foster Eben'r Withington Stephen Robinson committee chosen by the second Parish in Dorchester for this purpose

Dorchester April 30 1814

Published in the Columbian Centinel

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of Brookline County of Norfolk being appointed Guardians of Widow Catharine Baker of said Brookline (non compis mentis) and having given bonds as the Law directs—Hereby forewarn all persons from Trusting or harboring the said Catharine on their account as they will not pay any debts of her contracting

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Isaac S. Gardner selectmen

May 5, 1814

Whereas Mary White of Roxbury in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts widow is entitled to dower or improvement of a third part of certain land in Brookline of which her late Husband Daniel White was seized during her coverture now Deacon John Robinsons, Isaac S Gardner Esq. and Capt Joseph Goddard Selectmen and agents for the Town of Brookline and Bartholomew White of said Roxbury agent for said Mary White, agree to submit the claims of said Mary White upon the lands aforesaid to the determination of Stephen Dana

Esq of Brighton in the County of Middlesex. Deacon James Humphreys of Dorchester and Mather Withington of sa'd Dorchester in the said County of Norfolk whose award shall be final between the parties, that these Gentlemen shall view the Premises make such examination and determination as the Laws of this commonwealth authorize in cases where Dower is set off in due course of Law, and whereas the Town of Brookline holds a certain Receipt Given by Isaac Childs for certain articles of Furniture &c for the Benefit of said Mary it is agreed by the parties that the above named referees shall consider said claim and deduct from the sum they shall award to said Mary as her Dower what they may deem equitable on account of said Receipt—signed

John Robinson Isaac S. Gardner Joseph Goddard

Bartho'w White agent for Mary White

Septem 2. 1814.

We the Subscribers Referees mutually appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Brookline and Bartholomew White agent for Mary White who is dowable in certain Lands, in said Town of Brookline having viewed the Premises and duly considered the same Report as follows. Viz

That the said Mary White recover from the Town of Brookline the sum of Thirty dollars in full Satisfaction each and every year during her natural life, commencing on the first day of July 1814. in full of all claims she may have in Said Town and elsewhere whereof her husband Daniel White was seized during her coverture wherein the Town of Brookline may be interested. We have further considered the receipt submitted to us and do award that no deduction be made from the sum annually awarded as above on account of said Receipt—Signed

Stephen Dana James Humphreys Mather Withington

Brookline Sept 8, 1814

N.B. The cost of this Refference to be paid by the Town of Brookline

A true copy of the Original agreement & award, entered into and Signed by the Respective parties—Examined and compared by me

(Signed) Jos Harrington
Atty to said Mary White.

I the said Mary White mentioned in the foregoing Agreement and Award do acknowledge the said Bartholomew White to have been my agent duly authorized to settle my claim to Lands in Brookline as before written and do hereby agree to acquit and discharge the Town of Brookline of all claims and demands of Every kind upon the punctual payment to me or my agent the sum of Thirty dollars annually during my Natural Life agreeable to the afore written award of which original award is a true Copy

Signed Mary White

Roxbury June 13. 1815.

July 1815. Received of the Town of Brookline Thirty dollars in full for the year beginning July 1814 according to the within award

$30 Signed Mary White

September 8, 1814.

About this time every Town on the Sea Coarst were apprehensive of a Visit from the British fleet and forces which had committed such wanton depredation in the southern States. Troops were daily assembling in and near Boston to protect it from Invasion — about one third of the Militia in the Neighborhood were stationed in the forts in the Harbour Many Inhabitants of Boston and Charlestown were removing their Valuable effects into the Country and securing for themselves a retreat in case of Invasion — It was in this state of things when the Selectmen and a few others being together — A subscription was Circulated among the Inhabitants exempt from Military duty, Inviting them to Equip themselves with arms &c compleat for service, Enroll themselves as a company and choose their own Officers and be subject to no others authority in their duty but in case of Invasion and the remaining part of the Militia should be called of endeavor to protect ourselves and assist others as the commander of the Company should think proper — For this purpose a special Meeting was called at an Early day when the proposition was Unanimously accepted and the Officers chosen which were General Isaac S. Gardner, Captain, Major John Robinson Lieutenant and Capt Joseph Goddard Ensign — A meeting of the company was appointed at a short notice for Examination and Drill when there was Assembled and enrolled between Forty and Fifty Eight compleat for immediate service except one Bayonet and about half a dozen carterich boxes which were principly furnished by the following meeting

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally Warned and Assembled November 7th 1814. for the choice of Fedral Representitive when the Votes were given in — for

The Hon Thomas B. Adams Esquire Thirty four Votes—
The Hon Nathaniel Ruggles Sixty Votes
John S. Williams Esquire Two Votes
Attest O. White Town Clerk

At this meeting an Invitation was given to the Inhabitants to follow the Example of Boston in Volunteering their Services Towards fortifying the Harbour by throwing up two forts on the Heights of South Boston and on Noddles Island which would completly command the Harbour of Boston and the waters on the South of Dorchester point

The Inhabitants were Unanimous in tendering their services by personal Labour towards the completion of these Important works

Be it remembered that on this eighth day of November 1814 We the Subscribers being Authorized as the Law directs, Met and proceeded to Perambulate the boundary Line between the Towns of Brookline and Roxbury in manner following viz beginning at the northwest corner of William Bremers land at a large Stone next the Brook marked R. B. from thence through the House late Mr Bakers to the sign post which is marked R. B. thence to a Stone marked R. B. lying in the wall at the end of the Fence being the dividing line between Oliver Whytes' and Thomas Whites' land from thence to a Stone marked R. B. at the end of the wall at the edge of the Swamp in Capt William Wymans land from thence to a Stone marked R. B. laying on a Rock in the Wall between Capt William Wyman's and Thomas Whites land from thence to a stone marked R. B. laying on a Rock beside of the wall in Thomas Wymans Pasture from thence to a large Stone marked R. B. laying in the wall between (between) the heirs of Nathaniel Winchester and Capt Joseph Curtis's land from thence to a Stone Marked R. B. laying on the wall at the corner next to Pond land from thence to Heap of Stones one of which is marked R. B. laying in a Barbary bush on the Heirs of Nathaniel Winchesters land on hill from thence to a white Oak tree standing in the wall between Mrs Whites and Capt Joseph Goddards land thence to a stone laying on the wall marked R. B. between Stephen Childs and Capt Joseph Goddards land from thence to an Appletree marked R. B. standing in Stephen Childs's lane from thence to a Stone marked R. B. laying in the Wall by the side of the road at the corner of John Harris's land from thence to a Stone marked R. B. laying side of the wall on the east side of the end of John Harris's land from thence to a stone set in the ground marked R. B. in the land of Mr Harris from thence to a Stone marked R. B. laying on a large rock in the wall in Mr Harris's land from thence to a stone marked R. B ·1799 laying on the wall at the corner between the late Mr W. Baker's and Mr Woodwards land from thence to a Stone marked R. B. lying at the bottom of the wall on the Westwardly side of the Road leading to Brookline from thence to a Stake and heap of Stones one of which is marked R. B. N. in Deacon David Wild's meadow being the corner bounds between Roxbury, Brookline and Newton all which boundaries we have agreed to and renewed the Year and day before mentioned

Signed

Joseph Goddard Oliver Whyte agents for Brookline
Will'm Brewer Sam'l Parker agents for Roxbury

At a meeting regularly warned at the request of Stephen Sharp Esquire and nine others the The Inhabitants met December 7, 1814, to know whether the Town will give anything to the men who were drafted from this Towns Company of Militia and have served two months and thirteen days on fort Independance over and above what is paid them by the United States —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

After debate it was considered illegal to lay a tax on the Inhabitants of the Town for the above purpose — In consequence there was a motion made by Mr Benjamin Goddard and Seconed by Mr Ebenezer Heath, that there be three hundred and Twenty dollars assessed on the Real and personal Estates which should be considered as a Voluntary contribution. and after deducting the expenses already Incured by the Town for Vegitables &c for their use while on the Fort, These drafted men should equally divide the Surplus this motion passed Unanimously —

Voted The Selectmen should make the assessment

Voted A Committee of five should be chosen to undertake the Collection and that this committee consist of Thomas Griggs Daniel Pierce Thaddeus Jackson Sen'r John Warren and Benjamin Bradley

At this meeting the Jury box was regulated agreeable to Law and contained Seventy four names

The meeting was then adjourned without day

O. Whyte Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick school house warned and assembled according to Law March 6, 1815

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen Moderator when the Town proceeded to the choice of the following persons to Serve in their respective offices the ensuing year

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Joseph Goddard and Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Elijah Corey Jothan Thayer John Kingsbury Thaddeus Jackson John Warren Surveyors of Highways

Deacon Joshua C. Clark Mr Robert S. Davis Tythingmen

Abel Hubbard Nath'l Murdock Surveyors of wood and Lumber

Oliver Whyte clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman Sealer of Leather

John Warren and Charles Stearns Fence Viewers

John Ellsworth and Timothy H. Childs Field drivers

George Moss and David Coolidge Hogreaves

Benjamin Bradley was chosen Constable and collector of Taxes, which he is to collect for 9½ ℘ cent on the amount collected subject to a deduction of 8 ℘ Cent. to all who pay their Taxes by the first day of January next.

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Dea John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Robert S. Davis & Daniel Pierce Firewards

John Robinson Joseph Goddard and Isaac S. Gardner Esq committee on Town & School accounts

William Aspinwall Esq Dea John Robinson and Capt Joseph Goddard committee on Meeting house accounts

Capt Joshua C. Clark Capt Geo W Stearns and Capt Timothy Corey committee on Town Stock who have authority to dispose of at auction or otherwise the uniforms belonging to the Town and the Proceeds be paid To the Treasurer.

Charles Stearns Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

John Bullard had Thirty four Votes for county Treasurer—

Voted For Highway Tax Six hundred and twenty five dollars to be apportioned on the last Years Valuation and worked out at $1.25 ℘ Day for Man and the same for Team

The Selectmen were Chosen a committee to examine the roads and apportion the Taxes to be laid out thereon

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the limits of this Town without a keeper

Voted That Mr John Aspinwalls Petition be referred to a committee

March 8th Benja Bradley qualified as constable and Collector—

March 14 The Selectmen and Town Treasurer were qualified

Attest O. Whyte Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled April 3, 1815 They gave in their Votes as follows —Viz

For Governor.

His Excellency Caleb Strong had	73 Votes
Hon Samuel Dexter had	49 Votes

For Lieut. Governor

Hon. William Phillips had	73 Votes
Hon William Gray had	50 Votes

For Senators

Hon James Richardson	73
Hon. Joseph Heath	73
" John Howe	49
" Joseph Bemis	49

The meeting was then adjourned

O. Whyte Town clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and Assembled May 8th 1815 when the Votes were given in for Representative as follows Viz

for Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r	50 Votes
for Stephen Sharp Esq.	10.
Benj'a Goddard—	1.

Attest O. Whyte Town Clerk

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town proceeded to hear and accept the reports of their several committees.

Voted To raize for the expenses of the Town the current year and extinguishing former claims, Three Thousand five hundred dollars

Voted That the Three commissioned Officers of Brookline company be a committee to purchase Arms and equipments with the funds arising from the sale of the Uniforms.

Voted That John Aspinwall have permission to return his pew to the Town by giving his Note for the Interest of the first purchase Money

Voted That One hundred dollars be raized for Womens schools which shall be distributed as last year that John Elsworth, Daniel Perry and John Decester be the persons to attend to providing Mistresses in their several districts—

William Ackers chosen a Committee man on the school fund

James Leeds chosen on the Committee for visiting schools.

The meeting was then adjourned

O. Whyte Town Clerk

Sept. 4 Geo. W. Stearns licensed as Auctioneer

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline assembled at the Brick school according to Law March 4 1816

Isaac S. Gardner Esq was chosen moderator when the Town proceeded to the Choice of the following persons to serve in their respective offices the ensuing Year Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Isaac S. Gardner Selectmen and Assessors—

Nath'l Murdock Abel Hubbard surveyors of wood & Lumber

Oliver Whyte clerk of the Market

James Leeds Sealer of Leather

Jotham Thayer John Warren Fence Viewers

John Woodward Caleb Clark Field drivers

Ebenezer Richards Edward Hall Hogreaves.

Charles Stearns Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

James Leeds Dea Joshua C. Clark Tythingmen

Benjamin Bradley offers to serve as Constable and Collector of Taxes for Ten ℘ cent on the amount of Taxes collected subject to a reduction of 8 ℘ cent on all paid before the 1st day of January constable and collector of Taxes

Isaac S. Gardner Esq Dea John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Daniel Pierce George W Stearns Firewards

Isaac S. Gardner Esq John Robinson Joseph Goddard committee on Town Treasurers and School Treasurers accounts also on the Meeting House accounts

Captain Clark Captain Stearns and Captain Corey committee on Town's Stock of Arms Ammunition &c —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for County Register when there appeared Thirty Votes for James Ford Esq

Votes were then brought in for County Treasurer when there appeared Thirty two Votes for John Bullard

Voted for Highway Tax Five hundred dollars to be worked out at $1.25 ℘ man and the same for Team

Voted That a committee be chosen to Examine the Highway districts and make any alterations in their numbers and boundaries they shall think advisable and Report at the April Meeting

The committee chosen were Elijah Corey 1st North Robert S. Davis 2 North Isaac S. Gardner Esq middle Thaddeus Jackson 1 South Nathaniel Murdock 2 South Highway Districts

Voted That Neat Cattle, Horses and Horse kind shall not be suffered to run at large within the limits of this Town the present Year without a keeper

Voted That the Annual meetings of March April and May Hereafter, shall be on the first Mondays of these months

Voted That Printed Notifications be delivered at each house certifying the business to be acted on at all meetings hereafter

The meeting was then dissolved without day

Attest O Whyte Town Clerk

March 8th Benjamin Bradley Sworn

The Selectmen met to Revise the list for April Meeting and were Sworn as Selectmen and Assessors

At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators as the Constitution of the Commonwealth directs April 1, 1816. The votes were given in as follows —

For Governor

Major General John Brooks had Sixty eight Votes	68
Honora. Sam'l Dexter Esq had forty five Votes	45

For Lieut. Governor

His Honor William Phillips had Sixty Eight Votes	68
Honor'bl William King had forty five Votes	45

For Senators

Thomas Greenleaf Esq had Sixty eight Votes	68
Hon. Jarius Ware Esq'r had Sixty Eight Votes	68
Hon John Howe Esq'r had Forty five Votes	45
Hon. Joseph Bemis Esq'r had Forty five Votes	45

Deacon John Robinson chosen moderator

The committee on highways Report. which was

Voted to be accepted — the Vote was then reconsidered and each particular division open for discussion and revision if thought necessary

The first, Second, Third and fourth North districts were accepted and surveyors chosen Viz Capt. Timothy Corey, Thomas Griggs, Charles Stearns and Caleb Craft

The Second south District was accepted as reported and Capt Isaac Cook chosen Surveyor

The first South district was accepted as reported and Timothy H. Child chosen Surveyor

The dirssion of the Middle District being objected to It remains as Usual and Daniel Perry was chosen Surveyor

Mr. Benjamin Goddard, Mr Nath'l Murdock, and Mr Eben'r Heath were chosen a committee to examine the state of the meeting house to see whether it requires painting

The same committee were chosen to mark out Situation for sheds near the meeting house

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to act in behalf of the Town with respect to the Land adjoining the School House

Voted That the Highway Tax be assessed on the last years Valuation

The Meeting was then adjourned

O Whyte Town Clk

REPORT

The Committee appointed by the Town at their March meeting 1816 to make alteration in the Highway districts have attended that service and Report

THE FIRST NORTH DISTRICT

From the Brighton line, comprehending all the Estates on the road including the Estate of widow Susanna Craft occupied by Mr. Ellsworth with the addition of the following Estates Viz Stephen Sharp Esq Reuben Stone Anna Dana James Leeds, James Holden and the Estate of Jonathan Dana (dec'd)

THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT

From the Brighton line leading to Cambridge taking in all the Estates on the road to the School house land (except the Estates of Stephen Sharp Doct Wm. Aspinwall's old farm improved by mr Stearns and Major Jones's) including the Estates of Col Thomas Aspinwall (Dec'd) & Edw'd K. Walcott Dec'd) including the road leading from the Cambridge road to the marshes to be kept in Repair do form a district

THE THIRD NORTH DISTRICT

From the Roxbury line including the following Estates Viz William Laughtons Thomas Whites house and store occupied by Capt Stearns Mrs Elizabeth Richards, widow Elizabeth Davis, Capt Robt S. Davis Charles Stearns, Maj Joseph Jones Jonas Tolman Abel Hubbard and the house Lots of Aaron Child &. ——— Bradley taking in the road from said Laughtons, to the

School house land including said land and the Road from said Tolmans shop to the Hay Scales and from said Tolmans shop to the Worcester turnpike do form a district

THE FOURTH NORTH DISTRICT

From the center of the Old Meeting house Yard including all the Estates on the Road to the Roxbury line Viz. Caleb Clark Thomas Walley Samuel Dudley's Oliver Whyte and Thomas Whites farm with the buildings including the Land from the Old road by Thomas Walleys land to the Worcester Turnpike do form a district

THE FIRST SOUTH DISTRICT

This District to be as usual with the Estate in Addition of the Widow Elizabeth Patridges (Deceased) and Col Thomas H. Perkins do form a district

THE SECOND SOUTH DISTRICT

The Said District is to be as usual with the Estates in Addition of John Goddard Benjamin Goddard and Richard Sullivan, the road from Mr Goddards brood so called to the Center of the Old Meeting house yard is added to said District, do make a district.

Isaac S. Gardner Thaddeus Jackson Elijah Corey Nath'l Murdock Ro S. Davis committee of the Town

Brookline March 19th 1816

N. B. The Report on the Middle District was not copied becaus not accepted

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled May 6. 1816. for the choice of State Representatives, when the Votes were given in as follows Viz

For Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r	forty four Votes	44
Stephen Sharp Esq'r	Seven Votes	7
Mr Adam Babcock	One Vote	1

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

The several Reports from committees were read and Accepted

The Town then Voted to paint the meeting house the ensuing summer for which and for the Usual expenses of the Town—they

Voted to Raise by Tax on Polls and Estates Three Thousand five hundred dollars

Voted That any surplus money which may be in the hands of the Treasurer shall be appropriated to discharge the Town debt

Voted That capt Ro S. Davis Mr Dan'l Perry Mr Sam'l Craft be committee men in their respective districts to provide School Mistresses which will keep as usual there being One hundred dollars appropriated for that purpose

Voted That Benjamin Goddard N Murdock & Ebenezer Heath be a committee to attend to the Purchasing of paint and oil and contract to have it laid on the meeting house early as possible and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for this purpose and to reimburse the same from the present years Taxes

The committee appointed to lay out Sites for Sheds near the meeting house attended that duty and they are to be offerred for Sale on the 14th Instant on the premises

O Whyte Town Clerk

Tuesday May 14 agreeable to notices by advertizement the sites for Sheds before mentioned were offered at public Sale seperately commencing at the North end as Number One which was Knocked of to

No. 1.	— Stephen Sharp Esq'r	for	14.50
No 2.	to Dea John Robinson	for	12.50
No. 3.	to Gen Isaac S. Gardner	"	10.50
No. 4.	to Mr Samuel Hammond		10.50
No. 5	to Mr David Hyslop		10.01

To each purchaser was given a Certificate of which the following is an exact Copy.

Know all men by these presents that we John Robinson, Joseph

Goddard and Isaac S. Gardner Selectmen of Brookline in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorized by Virtue of a vote of said Town do for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents paid into the Treasury of said Town hereby certify that Stephen Sharp Esquire of said Brookline is entitled to a Shed Lot in the meeting house Yard of Said Town, being Lot under number one of a range of Sheds erected in 1816 by himself Deacon John Robinson & Isaac S. Gardner Esq'rs Mr Samuel Hammond and Mr David Hyslop measuring Ten feet in width and eighteen in depth to be used for a shelter for riding Carriages and Horses and no other purpose. To Have and to hold the same with its priviledges to the said Sharp his Heirs and assigns forever agreeable to a Vote of said Town passed May 6th 1816

Provided Nevertheless and this certificate is on these conditions that the Town reserves the right to resume the said Lot and Shed at any time by tendering the proprietor the original cost of said Lot and Shed as stands recorded on the Town Clerks Book November 4th 1816 *

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of November 1816.

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Isaac S. Gardner Selectmen of Brookline

The charge for building these five sheds laying Wall and leveling Yard — Stands thus

To A. Hubbard for Building	$220 —
" John Warren for laying wall	22 —
" John Robinson for Levelling Yard	20 —
" Silas Snow for Painting Sheds	12.36
	$274.36

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* *March* 4, 1839 This Shed & Lot was conveyed to Benj B. Davis by Sam'l Craft.

The improvement of each Lot agreeable to the above estimate is Fifty four dollars 87$\frac{2}{10}$ cents which added to the cost of the Lot gives the original price

☞ N.B. the Report respecting this business is entered on the following page

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled Novem 4 1816 for the choice of Fedral Representative when the Votes were given in

For the Hon Nath'l Ruggles Esq Thirty eight Votes	38
For the Hon. Jairus Ware Esq'r Seven Votes	7
For the Hon John Howe Esq'r Four Votes	4
For the Hon Eben'r Seaver Esq'r Four Votes	4

The Certificates was filled, Signed sealed, & certified and the meeting adjourned

O. Whyte Town Clerk

Decem'r 10*th* Selectmen met to draw Juryman
Robert S. Davis was drawn

The Commitee appointed to locate the ground near the Meeting house for the purpose of erecting Sheds thereon

Report that they have considered the subject and have kept in view the probability that the Town not long hence may consider it expedient to erect a building for a School house. Their first object therefore has been to select the most suitable spot for such a building and after due consideration they have Located the ground for Sheds accordingly. believing that the School house, to combine the objects of good appearance convenience and safety should stand ranging with the front of the Porch of the Meeting house or the main body of the house as may be thought best hereafter as far distant as the land will permit

With this view of the subject they have Staked out land sufficient for the erection of ten Sheds of ten feet each in width and not to exceed eighteen feet in debth the whole to be connected and to stand in a line nearly at right angles with the road, beginning southwardly from it about Ninty five feet the front line of the Sheds to be not less than One hundred and thirty feet distant from the meeting house running parrelel with said house to the land of the heirs of Deacon Samuel Clark Dec'd

Your Committee recomment that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the Said lots at Public Vendue or at private Sale according to their best judgment subject how ever to the following conditions

First to begin at the lot No. one and sell in regular succession, the sales to be void unless at least five lots are disposed of—

Second That the foundation and leveling of the ground and the erection of the Sheds be done in conjunction by the proprietors each one to bear an equal proportion of the expense the Sheds to be uniform in appearances and as nearly alike as possible

Third That they are completed on or before the Thirtieth day of November next or the purchase money be forfeited to the Town

Fourth That the Said Proprietors have leave to take gravel and stones for the purpose of leveling the ground and making the foundations, subject to the controle of the Selectmen.

Fifth That the Proprietors as soon as may be render to the Town Clerk properly certified the whole cost they have been at in leveling the ground and building the Sheds to be by him recorded on the Town books

Sixth That the title of the Proprietors be given, by a certificate from the Selectmen as soon as the Sheds are completed and the return of the cost made to the Town Clerk and not before, Specifying that the conditions on this Report being all fullfilled the proprietor his heirs and Assigns shall enjoy the use and improvement of his Shed for the purpose only of covering riding Carriages and Horses—The Town retaining a right to resume the said land and Sheds at any time by tendering the proprietor the original cost Benja Goddard Nath'l Murdock Eben'r Heath

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School house warned and assembled according to law March 3d 1817

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Isaac S. Gardner Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

James Holden Charles Warren Ro S. Davis O. Whyte Daniel Pierce Caleb Craft Deacon Joshua C Clark Surveyors of Highways

Nath'l Murdock Abel Hubbard surveyors of wood & Lumber

O. Whyte Clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman Sealer of Leather

James Leeds Robert Harris Fence Viewers

Elisha Stone John Harris Field drivers

Benjamin Bradley constable and collector for 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ꝑ cent with a deduction to those who pay on or before the 1st day of January Eight ꝑ cent

Fire wards Isaac S. Gardner J. Robinson Eben'r Heath Daniel Pierce Geo W Stearns

John Robinson Jose Goddard Isaac S. Gardner committee on School & Town accounts

Caleb Clark Levi Pierce Ro B. Foster Hog reaves

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Isaac S. Gardner Committee on Meeting house accts

Dea Joshua C. Clark James Leeds Tythingmen

Dea J. C. Clark Geo W. Stearns Timo Corey committee on Towns Stock of Arms &c.

Daniel Pierce Charles Stearns sen Pound keepers

John Bullard had Thirty eight votes for County Treasurer

Voted Five hundred dollars for highway tax to be worked out at One dollar $\frac{25}{100}$ for the Labour of a man ꝑ Day & the same for Team

Voted That Neat cattle Horses & Horse kind shall not run at large without a keeper

O. Whyte Town Clerk

April 7, 1817 At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline Legally warned and Assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor & Senators were received

For Governor

His Excellency Gen'l John Brooks Esq'r had Sixty six Votes
Major Gen'l Henry Dearborn had forty four Votes

as Senators

Thomas Greenleaf Esquire had Sixty Six Votes
David S. Greenough Esq'r " "
Jos Bemis Esquire had Forty four Votes
John Endicott Esquire " "

O Whyte Town clerk

May 5, 1817 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled — Votes were given in for Town Representative when there appeared for

Isaac S. Gardner Esquire forty three Votes

and was elected

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator

The several committees appointed at March meeting made their reports which were accepted

Voted Thirty five hundred dollars be raized for the expenses of the Town the current year

Voted One hundred dollars be appropriated for womens schools, disposed of as usual, that

Abel Hubbard Joseph White & Caleb Craft Jun be chosen to provide Mistresses in their several districts

Voted The Assessors shall use their own discretion in Assessing estates to owners or Tenants

O. Whyte Town Clerk

March 2, 1818 At a meeting of the Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline at the Brick School house warned and assembled according to Law.

Isaac S. Gardner Esq'r was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk Gen'l Gardner & Joseph Goddard declining

John Robinson Nath'l Murdock & O. Whyte were chosen Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Elijah Corey Jotham Thayer Charles Stearns Caleb Clark Joseph White John Harris Benja. Goddard Surveyors of Highways.

Geo. W. Stearns James Holden Surveyors of wood & Lumber

Joshua Griggs Benja White Fence Viewers

Edward Hall Timo H. Child Field Drivers

Isaac S. Gardner Esq John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Daniel Pierce Geo W Stearns Fire Wards

Abel Hubbard Jonas Tolman Tything men

Charles Stearns Daniel Pierce Pound keepers

Elisha Stone A. Hayden C. Winchester Benja Bradley Hogreaves

O. Whyte Clerk of the Market

Jonas Tolman Sealer of Leather

Isaac S. Gardner John Robinson Joseph Goddard committee on Town School and meeting house Accounts

Capt R. S. Davis Capt Tho. Griggs Capt D. Pierce committee on Town Stock of Arms &c —

Benjamin Bradley constable and collector for 9¾ ℘ cent with a deduction of 8 ℘ ct. to all who pay before the 1st of January

John Bullard had Thirty three Votes for County Treasurer

Voted Five hundred dollars for the Highways to be worked out at one dollar & 25 Cents for a mans day Labour and same for Team

Voted That neat Cattle Horses and Horse Kind shall [not] run at large without a keeper

Voted The Unanimous Thanks of the Town be presented to Isaac S. Gardner Esquire and Capt Joseph Goddard for their Services in the numerous offices they have filled in Town

O. Whyte Town Clerk.

April 6. 1818 At a meeting of the qualified Voters in the Town of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the Purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators when there were Recorded

For Governor.

His Excellency Gen'l John Brooks Esq'r had fifty four Votes
Hon B. W Crownenshield had twenty six Votes

For Lieut. Governor

His Hon Wm. Phillips Esquire had fifty four Votes
Hon Theo. Kithridge Esq had twenty four
Hon Wm. King Esq'r had Two

For Senators

Hon The. Greenleaf Esq Fifty three Votes
David S. Greenough " "
Hon. Jos Bemis Esq twenty four
Hon John Endicott Esq "

Deacon John Robinson was then Chosen moderator when a vote was taken on the destruction of Crows.

Voted The Town Treasurer be empowered to pay twenty five cents for the Head of every Crow which he is satisfied has been killed within the limits of this town

Voted That the State Law for the protection of certain Birds at certain seasons be so far remitted as to allow a man at all times to kill Robbins on his own land

The middle district mutually agreed to division and made their report as follows which was accepted by the Town and surveyors appointed Viz 1st Middle Jos White
2 Middle Benja White
3 Middle Eben Richards

BOUNDS OF 1ST MIDDLE DISTRICT

From the line between Brookline and Brighton to the Turnpike near Wm. Ackers house comprehending the estates on the same to said Brighton Viz Jos White, Dana Dowse Jacob Smith Isaac S. Gardner, William Ackers and the Estate of Samuel Hammond improved by Daniel Perry reserving the right as usual of taking gravel from the Second Middle district

BOUNDS OF THE SECOND MIDDLE DISTRICT

From the corner near William Ackers House to a large rock by the Sherburn road and by land of the Heirs of Caleb Gardner (Dec'd) comprehending the following estates David Hyslops, George Moss the Estate which Samuel Hammond now improves Ebenezer Heaths & the Estate lately improved by Joseph Arnold Jonathan Jackson & son and Benjamin White

BOUNDS OF THE THIRD MIDDLE DISTRICT

From the said Rock on Sherburn Road to the line between Newton & Brookline comprehending the following Estates Viz Thomas Perkins Esq. Jona. Mason Esq'r Daniel Pierce Benja Weld Stephen Higginson Esq. Benja Whites upper farm the Heirs of Caleb Gardner (Dec'd) Eben'r Richards Jonathan Hammond Manning & the Toll house belonging to the corpor'n of Worcester turnpike Arby Hide and Land of Non Residents John Kingsbury Henry Hovey and Aaron Richards.

N.B. It is agreed by the second and third districts That the Second Middle District shall have two Thirds of the money of the said two Districts to be worked out on the Second District and the third District shall Have one third of the money to be worked out on the said third District until further order of the Town

O Whyte Town Clerk

May 4, 1818. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled — Votes were Received for State

Representative when there appeared Twenty four Votes for Isaac S. Gardner Esquire & he was Elected

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Committees made their several Reports which were accepted.

Voted Thirty five hundred dollars be raized for the Expenses of the Town the current year

Voted One hundred dollars be apropriated for womens schools as usual.

Charles Stearns Eben'r Heath Sam'l Craft be a committee to provide Mistresses in their Respective Districts

Voted One hundred and fifty dollars ℘ annum adition to the Rev Mr Pierces Salary during the Towns pleasure

O. Whyte Town Clerk

November 2 1818 At a meeting of the Inhabitants regularly warned and Assembled for the purpose of Voting for Fedral Representative when the Votes being Sorted & counted there appeared for

Nath'l Ruggles Esquire Eighteen Votes
Edward Dowse Esquire Thirteen Votes

The meeting then proceeded to Town Business when

Dea John Robinson was chosen Moderator when it was moved to have a committee appointed to report on the Expediency of permiting stoves to be erected in the Meeting house and Report this day week at 3, O'clock P. M. the probable Expense.

Voted That Eben'r Heath John Robinson Nath'l Murdock O. Whyte and Capt Isaac Cooke be the Committee to make the necessary Enquiries on the Subject.

November 8, 1818 At an adjournment

Voted the Report of the committee be accepted and that Permission be granted to have the stoves erected in the Meeting house agreeable to the Report of the Committee

Voted There be a committee of Five Viz. Dea John Robinson Mr. N. Murdock Capt Cook James Leeds and O. Whyte, to offer the subscription to every family in Town who worship at this meeting house in the winter season

Voted That if the Stoves are Erected they be supported and taken care of at the Expense of the Town

O. Whyte Town Clerk

March 1 1819 At a meeting of the Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver Whyte was chosen Town Clerk

John Robinson Nath'l Murdock O. Whyte Selectmen and Assessors.

Eben'r Heath Town Treasurer

Benjamin Goddard committee man on School fund in stead of Gen'l Gardner (Dec'd)

James Leeds School Treasurer instead of Gen'l Gardner (Dec'd) —

Geo W Stearns Nath'l Murdock Surveyors of wood & Lumber

Benja White Elijah Child Fence Viewers

Enos Withington David Coolidge Geo W. Stearns Benja Bradley William Ackers Jona Jackson Junr Jona. Hammond Thadd's Jackson Jun'r Nath'l Murdock Surveyors of Highways

Abel Swallow Robert Harris Field Drivers

Deacon Elijah Corey on committee for Examination of schools in lieu of Gen'l Gardner Dec'd

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Daniel Pierce Geo W. Stearns Charles Stearns Fire wards

Joshua Griggs John Robinson Tythingmen

Charles Stearns Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

John Harris Tho Griggs Andrew B. Foster Benj Davis Increase S. Davis Marshal Floyd Hogreaves

O. Whyte Clk of Market

Jonas Tolman Sealer of Leather

John Robinson Joseph Goddard O. Whyte committee on Town School & Meeting house accounts.

Capt. Davis Capt. Griggs Capt. Pierce committee on Towns Stock of Arms ammunition &c.

Benjamin Bradley constable and collector for 9¾ per cent with a deduction of 8 ℘. cent for all who pay at or before the 1st of January

John Bullard had Forty two Votes for county Treasurer

Voted Five hundred dollars for Highways to be worked out at One doll. and 25 cents ℘ Day for mans Labor and same for Team

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horsekind shall not run at large without a keeper within the limits of the Town the present year—

O. Whyte Town Clerk

April 5. 1819 At a meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators when there appeared.

For Governor

His Excellency Gen'l John Brooks Esqr. had Sixty one Votes & Hon B. W. Crowninshield had Forty two Votes

For Lieut. Governor

His Hon William Phillips Esq'r had Sixty Votes Benjamin Austin had Forty two Votes

For Senators

Hon Thomas Greenleaf Esq'r David S. Greenough Esq'r had Sixty Votes

Hon John Endicot Esq'r Benja Reynolds Esq had Forty two

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

Mr. D. Hyslop declined serving as Surveyor and pays his fine and Mr Jonathan Jackson Jun'r is appointed in his room

O. Whyte Town Clerk

May 3, 1819 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the choice of state representative—when

Deacon John Robinson had Forty Votes and was Chosen—

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator

Voted Thirty five hundred dollars be raized to defray the Expenses. of the Town the current year, of which 100 dollars be appropriated for womens Schools & that James Leeds Eben'r Richards & Robert Harris be a committee to provide Mistresses in their respective districts.

O. Whyte Town Clerk

March 6. 1820 At a meeting of the freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law at the Brick School House

Dea. John Robinson was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clk.

John Robinson Nath'l Murdock O. Whyte Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Dundridge Taft Abel Hubbard John Elsworth O. Whyte Sam'l S. Gardner Eben'r Heath Dan'l Peirce Sam'l Craft John Warren Surveyors of Highways

George W. Stearns Nath. Murdock surveyors of wood & Lumber

Caleb Clark Robert Harris Fence Viewers

Edward Hall Joshua C. Clark Field Drivers

John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Daniel Pierce Geo W Stearns Charles Stearns Fire wards

Benja Davis Enos Withington Tythingmen

Charles Stearns Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

Erastus Champney Charles Wild Franklin Gerry Hogreaves

Oliver Whyte Clerk of the Market

John Robinson Jos. Goddard O. Whyte committee on Town School & meeting house ac'ts

Capt. Davis Capt. Griggs Capt. Pierce committee on Town Stock of Arms &c.

Benja. Bradley constable & collector of Taxes for 10¼ ℘ cent with a deduction of 8 ℘ cent to all who pay on or before the 1st of January

John Bullard had Forty Votes for County Treasurer

Voted Five hundred dollars for Highways to be worked out at one doll. & 25 cents ℘ day for mans Labor and Same for Team.

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large without a keeper the present year within the Limits of the Town.

Voted That the Town pay one Hundred and nine dollars toward the singing school the present season

O. White Town Clerk

April 3 1820 At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators, when there appeared

For Governor

His Excellency Gen John Brooks Esq'r Fifty four Votes

Hon William Eustis Esq'r Twenty Seven Votes

For Lieut Governor

Hon William Phillips Esq'r Fifty four Votes

Hon Benja Austin Esq'r twenty seven Votes

For Senators

Rich'd Sullivan Esq'r Fifty three Votes
James Richardson Esq'r Fifty three Votes
Hon Benja Reynolds Twenty Seven Votes
John Ruggles Jun'r Esq. Twenty Seven

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town—

Voted That Dundridge Taft, be excused from Serving as Surveyor on the Roads the present Season and that Dea John Robinson be Surveyor in his stead.

The Town then proceeded to act on the Petition of John Ward and others (to be annexed to the Town of Brookline) when a committee of seven was appointed to Investigate the subject and report at May meeting

Voted That this committee consist of the Selectmen Benjamin Goddard Eben'r Heath, Joshua C. Clark & Elijah Corey—

O. White Town Clerk

May 1. 1820 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned & Assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for State Representatives when it appeared for Deacon John Robinson an unanimous Vote

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town

Voted Thirty nine hundred dollars be raized for the expenses of the Town the current year and for the State and County Tax assessed upon this Town

Voted One hundred and fifty dollars for womens Schools the present year and that John Elsworth James Leeds Joseph White Elijah Child be the committee to provide mistresses

Voted There be a committee of five to investigate the Situation and advantage of Womens Schools, that this committee consist of the Selectmen Rich'd Sullivan Esq'r Samuel Craft

Voted an Acceptance of the Reports of their committees

O. Whyte Town Clerk

August 21. 1820 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative in Congress instead of Mr Dowse resigned and for taking a Vote of the Town on the expediency of choosing delegates to meet in convention for revising the Constitution of this Commonwealth—when there appeared for

James Richardson Esq Fifteen Votes Hon Wm. Eustis Esq Nine Votes as Representative

For choosing delegates there appeared nineteen Votes against that measure there were Three Votes

O. Whyte Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled to make choice of Moderator and Town clerk — instead of O Whyte who is absent at the South

John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Ebezezer Heath Town Clerk

When the Town brought in their Votes for a Delegate to conventions when it appeared that the Hon Rich'd Sullivan sixteen Votes and was chosen —

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled to make choice of a Representative to Congress the following gentlemen were voted for Viz

For Hon'l Rich'd Sullivan	Twelve Votes
For Hon Wm Eustis	Twelve Votes
For James Richards Esq'r	One Vote

For Electors at large

His Hon Will'm Phillips	Sixteen
Hon Will'm Gray	Sixteen
Hon Benja Crowninshield	Twelve
Levi Lincoln Esq'r	Twelve

The Venerable John Adams thirteen Hon Edw'd H. Robbins Fifteen for District of Norfolk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled to receive the Report of their committee chosen to look into the situation of their schools

Voted to accept the Report of said Committee

March 5 1821 At a meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline warned and assembled according to Law

Dea. John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver Whyte T. Clerk

Dea. John Robinson Nath'l Murdock Oliver Whyte selectmen and Assessors

Eben'r Heath Town Treasurer

Timo. Corey Tho. Griggs Benja. Davis Caleb Clark Dan'l Perry Benja. White Eben'r Richards David Bacon Rich'd Sullivan Surveyors of Highways

Able Hubbard Nath Murdock surveyors of wood & Lumber

Dea Joshua C. Clark Timo. Corey Fence Viewers

Sam'l Craft Jonas Tolman Field Drivers

Dea John Robinson Eben'r Heath Dan'l Peirce Geo W Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards.

Charles Stearns Dan'l Peirce Pound Keepers

Wm. H Brown Moses Jones Ward Stone Hogreaves

Geo W Stearns Clerk of Market

Dea John Robinson Jos. Goddard O. Whyte committee of Town schools & Meeting house Accounts

Capt. Griggs Peirce & Jackson committee on Town Stock of Arms &c &c.

Benjamin Bradley Constable and Collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ Ct. with a deduction of 8 ℘ Cent to all who pay before the 1 January

James Ford had Thirty eight Votes for County Register of deeds

John Bullard had Thirty seven Votes. for County Treasurer

Voted Five hundred dollars to repair the Highways to be worked out at one dollar 25 Cents for mans days Labor & same for team.

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses & Horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town the present year without a keeper

Voted That the committee chosen to examine the Schools in this place be requested to Report annually and at the first meeting after the examination takes place. The number of scholars that usually attend the summer Schools also the number that attend that examination to report the number that usually attend the winter schools and also the number which attend the examination of the same

To Report the Progress made by the Children in the different Branches to which they attend and also to Report anything relative to the Schools which the Committee shall think Proper

April 1821 At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned & assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators when there appeared

For His Excellency Gen'l John Brooks fifty five Votes
F Hon William Eustis twenty two Votes for
Governor

For Hon. William Phillips Esq'r fifty five Votes
Hon Levi Lincoln twenty two for
Lieutenant Governor
For Hon Richard Sullivan fifty three Votes
Hon Tho Greenleaf fifty four —
Benjamin Reynolds twenty two Votes
John Ruggles twenty two for
Senators

May 7. 1821—At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled for the choice of State Representative when

Deacon John Robinson was unanimously chosen

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator —

Voted Thirty Six hundred dollars be raized for Town County and State Tax the present year

Voted One hundred & fifty dollars for womans Schools

Abel Hubbard Jos White Caleb Craft Jun'r be a committee to provide mistresses.

Voted That the improvement of the Lower School be under the Direction of the Selectmen

O Whyte Town Clerk

1822 *March 4th* At a meeting of Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Brick School House

Dea. John Robinson was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Nath'l Murdock Oliver Whyte selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

E Corey 1st North Cha Stearns 2 Do J. Leeds 3 Do O. Whyte 4 Do Jos White 1 middle Jos Williams 2 Do Jonas Reed 3 Do John Coffin 1 South B. Bradley 2 Do. surveyors of Highways

William H. Brown Nath'l Murdock surveyors of Wood &c

Sam'l Craft Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Edw'd Hall Daniel Pierce Field Drivers

Joshua C. Clark Eben'r Heath Tythingmen

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Daniel Peirce Geo W Stearns Chas. Stearns Firewards

Dan'l Perry Dan'l Pierce Pound Keepers

Amasa Jackson Asa Jaquith Luther Twiss Hogreaves

Geo W Stearns Clk of Market

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Oliver Whyte Committee for examining Town accounts

Capt Thomas Griggs Capt Daniel Pierce Capt Chas. Stearns Jun committee on Towns Stock of arms Ammunition &c

Benjamin Bradley Constable and Collector of taxes for 10¼ ℘ ct with a deduction of 8 ℘ ct to all who pay before 1st Jan

John Bullard had thirty five Votes for County Treasurer

Voted To raize five hundred dollars to repair Highways to be worked out allowing $1.25 ℘ Day for mens Labor same for Team

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town without a Keeper

April 1, 1822 At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the Purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators.

For Governor.

His Excellency Gen'l John Brooks had Forty six Votes.

Hon Wm. Eustis Esq'r had Twenty Votes

For Lieut. Governor

Hon. William Phillips Esq'r had Forty Six Votes

Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq'r had twenty Votes

For Senators & Counsellors
Sam'l Bass Esq'r had forty six Votes
Lewis Fisher Esq. " "
Sam'l P. Loud Esq. " "
Benja Reynolds had twenty Votes
John Ruggles " "
Micah White Esq " "

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator, surveyors of Highways chosen James Leeds, Jos Goddard & Sam'l Craft chosen to Join the Selectmen to provide a Situation for Savorns & family

1822 *May* 6. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for choice of Representative to the General Court.

Deacon John Robinson had the unanimous Vote and was chosen Representative for the present year

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Town Voted to raize Thirty three hundred dollars for State County and Town the present year.

Voted To grant the Singing Society Fifty dollars.

Voted For womens Schools One hundred & fifty dollars.

Committee to provide Mistresses.

North District	James Leeds
Middle "	Eben'r Heath
South "	Ro. Harris.

Rich'd Sullivan Esq'r & Mr. Eben'r Heath were chosen to join the Selectmen in Establishing the Lines between Brookline — Roxbury — and Boston

Voted To accept the Reports of the several committees

Voted That. School Mistresses should be paid soon as their term of Keeping expired —

Voted That the Constable or collector be empowered to enforce the collection of the single polls at any time after presenting the Tax Bill and if payment or security be delayed ten days no deduction to be made from the face of the Bill

1822 *November 5th* At a meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative to Congress when there appeared for the Hon William Eustice Sixteen Votes
for the Hon Richard Sullivan one Vote

Voted for Register of Deeds in Room of James Foord (Deceased) There appeared
for Enos Ford. Twenty five Votes
for Doct. Elisha Thayer. one Vote —

1823 *March 3d* At a meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline Legally warned and assembled at the Brick School House.

Dea John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk.

John Robinson Nath'l Murdock Oliver Whyte selectmen & assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Aaron Corey 1. North Cha Stearns 2 James Holden 3 Caleb Clark 4 Will'm Ackers 1 middle Eben'r Heath 2 Eben'r Richards 3 Joseph Ford 1 South Tho W Sumner 2

William H. Brown Nath'l Murdock surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Clark Cha Stearns Sen'r Fence Viewers

Edward Hall Daniel Pierce Field drivers

Doct. Cha. Wild Geo W. Stearns Tythingmen

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Dan'l Pierce Geo W. Stearns Cha Stearns Fire wards

Dan'l Perry Dan'l Pierce Pound Keepers

A. Caryl A. Field A. Corey Moses Jones Jos Williams E. Corey Jun'r Hogreaves

Geo W Stearns Clk of Market

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Oliver Whyte committee on Town accounts

Capt. Tho Griggs Capt. Dan'l Pierce Capt. Cha. Stearns committee on Town's stock of Arms, &c &c

Benja Bradley constable and collector of Taxes for 10¼ ℘ ct. with a deduction of 8 ℘ ct. on all payments made on or before the first of January

John Bullard had forty five Votes for County Treasurer

Voted To Raize five hundred dollars to repair Highways to be worked out at the rate of $1.25 for man. same for Team

Voted That Nett Cattle horses & horse kind shall not run at large

Voted That Rich'd Sullivan Esqr. Charles Stearns & Deacon Joshua C. Clark be a committee to examine the situation of Marsh road

Voted That a committee consisting of the Selectmen Joined by Mr. Samuel Craft and Caleb Craft examine all the School Houses in town and Report at April Meeting

Voted To reject assistance to a singing school at the south part of the Town—

1823 *April* 7 At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators

For Governor.	Hon. H. G. Otis had Fifty three Votes
	Hon Wm. Eustis had Fifty two Votes
For Lieut Governor.	Hon Dan'l Noble Fifty four Votes
	Hon Levi Lincoln Fifty two Votes

For Senators

Hon. Lewis Fisher had fifty four Votes
Hon. Rich'd Sullivan " " "
Doct. Amos Holbrook " " "
Hon John Ruggles had fifty two Votes
Josiah J. Fisk Esq'r " " "
Sherman Leland Esq'r " " "

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator

Voted That the Vote rejecting young children from mens Schools till they can read in plain reading, be reconsidered and that hereafter small children be admitted.

Voted That the School committee have a joint power with the Selectmen in Regulating the Schools

Voted That the School committee be Elected Annually at March Meeting

Voted That the report of the committee on school houses be accepted and that the same committee carry it into Effect —

Voted To refer the further consideration of making allowances for a southern Singing school to May meeting

Voted That the Report of the committee on the Lines between Roxbury and Brookline be accepted

1823 *May* 5. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled for choice of Representative to the General Court

Deacon. John Robinson had forty one Votes

Dea Joshua C. Clark had Six Votes.

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

Voted That. One hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for Womens schools

Voted That. Abel Hubbard Dan'l Pierce Joseph Ford be a committee to procure School mistresses

Voted That Thirty three hundred dollars be raized the ensuing year for Town, State & county Tax

Voted That the Reports of committees on Marsh Road and Town Accounts be accepted

Voted That twenty dollars be granted to the South Singing School

Voted that Thomas W. Sumner be excused from serving as surveyor of Highways and that Joshua C. Clark be appointed in his stead

Voted That hereafter all applications for money to assist singing shall be refused unless applied for previous to the school.

1823 *Septem 8th* at a meeting of The Qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative to Congress in Room of His Excellency Wm. Eustis, when there appeared for

John Baily Esq'r fourteen Votes
John W. Ames Esq'r Eleven Votes —
Hon Rich'd Sullivan Five Votes —

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator and The Town

Voted To Grant the singing society worshipping in Brookline One hundred & twenty five dollars. The president of this society may draw for it as he has Occasion — Members of other societies may be exempt from the Expense by Making their wish known to the Assessors.

Voted That. Mr. Benja Goddard, N. Murdock, John Robinson Joshua C. Clark, & Eben'r Heath be a Committee to Report at next meeting the Expediency of Locating Shed lots

Voted To Adjourn this meeting till first Monday in November unless previously notified —

1823 *November* 3. Agreeable to Adjournment, The Town Assembled and in Absence of Dea John Robinson Nathaniel Murdock was chosen Moderator — when the Report was Read and accepted with the amendment,

That the five Lots located at the west side of the meeting house may be sold and built upon by four proprietors with the condition that the Town or any Towns man shall at any time have a right to the fifth shed by paying the original cost.

1824. *March* 1*st* At a meeting of the qualified Voters warned and assembled at the Brick School house according to Law.

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

O. Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Oliver Whyte Nath'l Murdock Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Timo Corey 1. N Dav'd Coolidge 2. Edw Hall 3. O. Whyte 4. Simon Tufts 1. M A. Field 2. Dan'l Pierce 3. C Craft Jun 1 S Tho. W. Sumner 2. Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Corey sen'r Joshua C Clark James Leeds School Committee

Abel Hubbard Nath'l Murdock Samuel Fowle surveyors of wood & Lumber

Cha Stearns sen Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Benja White Enos Withington Field Drivers

Charles Wild Edward Hall Tythingmen

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Dan'l Pierce. Geo W. Stearns Charles Stearns snr. Fire wards

Dan'l Pierce Dan'l Perry Pound Keepers

John Woodward E. Champney I. Hammond Hogreaves

Geo W Stearns Clk of Market

John Robinson Jos Goddard O Whyte Com on Town accounts

Capt Tho Griggs Capt Dan'l Pierce Capt Cha Stearns Jun com on Stock of Arms, Ammunition &c

Voted Elisha Stone Constable and collector of Taxes for Ten ℘ cent with a deduction of Eight ℘ ct. for all who pay by 1st January.

Voted Martin Morse constable for the protection of Property near the Mill Dam

Voted E. Stone Sexton

John Bullard had forty six Votes for County Treasurer

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to repair Highways to be worked out as Usual

Voted that Neat Cattle Horses and horse kind shall not run at large within the Town without a keeper

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Examine the Situation of the Towns land near Mr Pennimans & report at April meeting

Voted that Mr Benja Goddard Mr. Eben'r Heath & Mr. James Leeds be a com. to define the duties of Sexton

O. Whyte Town Clerk

1824 *April* 5. At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and Assembled to give in their Votes for Governor & Lieut Governor & Senators there appeared for Hon Samuel Lothrop seventy two Votes for Governor, for Lieut. Governor the Hon Richard Sullivan had seventy three Votes.

His, Excellency William Eustis had fifty four Votes for Governor, and the Hon Marcus Morton had fifty three Votes for Lieutenant Governor

The Hon Thomas Greenleaf Doct Nath'l Miller & Dan'l S Greenough Esq had each Seventy one Votes for Senators.

Hon John Ruggles Hon Josiah J. Fiske & Hon Sherman Leland had each fifty four Votes

Hon. Samuel Hubbard, Heman Lincoln, John Cotton Jona. Phillips, Theodore Lyman, & Francis C. Gray Esq'rs had each one Vote for senators

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator when the report of the Committee on the Duties of the Sexton was read & accepted

Voted That, the Selectmen, Tho. W. Sumner Ebenezer Heath & Joshua C. Clark, be a Committee to Examine the state of the Brick School house and report at May meeting the probable expence of Repairing it and Errecting a New House of Brick, Wood & Stone

Voted That the Selectmen be empower'd and requested to dispose of the small piece of Land about the tenth of an acre lying in Common adjoining Mr E Penimans land

N B. This land was apprized at forty dollars & disposed of to Mr E Peniman

Voted That the Inhabitants on the Mill Dam have their proportion of Tax allowed them for the support of a school there

they were allowed $46.91 cents

May 3, 1824 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled for the choice of Repesentative to the General Court

Deacon John Robinson was unanimously chosen

Dea John Robinson was then chosen moderator

Martin Morse was chosen Constable

Voted One hundred & fifty dollars for Womans schools

Geo W. Stearns Benja White Caleb Craft Jun'r Com. to provide School Mistress

Voted Thirty dollars to the singing society for the present year —

Voted That the Brick school house be not repaired

Voted That Mr Sumner be employed to draft a plan of a One Story building to accommodate the Town

Voted That the Selectmen be required to call a meeting on Monday next to see whether the Town will build a School House

Mr Ebenezer [Heath] made a return of a certificate that the five sheds built on the Westerly side of the meeting house — built by and belonging to Messrs. Sam'l Hammond, Elisha Penniman, Ebenezer Heath Ebenezer Richards and Benjamin White cost of each averaged Eighty dollars & $\frac{88}{100}$ Joseph Sewall built a shed adjoining the same in 1825 the cost of which was —

1824 *May* 10. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the purpose of taking the vote of the Town on the subject of building a School and Town Houses and Granting money for the expence of the Town the Current year —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Town build a two story building the basement to be entirely above ground.

Voted That the building be of wood 48 by 28 feet.

Voted That the Committee to build be the same who were appointed on the expediency of repairing the Brick School house —

Voted that Mr. Rich'd Sullivan be added to the Committee

Voted to reconsider the vote for building of wood so far as to give the committee the power to build the basement of stone if they think proper

Voted to reconsider former votes for building of Wood &c and built agreable to Mr Sumner's first plan exhibited, giving the Committee power to Lower the stories if they think advisable that the building be of stone —

Voted that the Town treasurer be empowered to Borrow what money is necessary to errect the building voted above.

Voted To Raize Thirty eight hundred dollars for the expence of the Town the Current year

Voted to raize Six hundred dollars towards the expence of the above building

O. Whyte Town Clk

August 30 1824. At a meeting legally warned and assembled for the choice of Representative to Congress in room of John Baily sent home, when there appeared twenty six Votes for Sherman Leland, Five for John Baily and one for Hon Richard Sullivan

O Whyte Town Clk

1824 *November* 1. At a Meeting legally warned and Assembled for the choice of Representative to Congress and for Electors of President and Vice President, the following persons for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

At large Wm. Gray & Levi Lincoln. Suffolk, Thomas L. Winthrop Essex South Nath'l Silsby Essex North Docter Jos Kitteridge, Norfolk John Endicott Plymouth Thomas Webster Worcester South Jonathan Davis Worcester North Edward Cushing Bristol Cornelius Griswold Middlesex Augustus Tower Barnstable Hesekiah Barnard Berkshire William Walker Franklin Oliver Smith Handen Enos Foster had sixty Votes each

At large Wm. Bailies & William Reed, Berkshire Wm. Walker Franklin Samuel Porter, Hamden Timothy Horten, Worcester North Solomon Strong Worcester South Dan'l Thurber Middlesex Edmund Foster Essex North David Howe Essex South Wm. Sutton Suffolk Samuel Hubbard Norfolk Benjamin Reynolds Bristol John M. Williams Plymouth Benjamin .Hobart, Barnstable Nymphas Marston had One Vote each

At large. Wm. Baylies & Wm. Reed Suffolk Samuel Hubbard Essex South Leverett Saltenstal, Essex North David Howe, Middlesex Samuel Howe Jun'r Worcester North Solomon Strong, Worcester South Solon Towne Jun'r Franklin Samuel Porter, Hamden Lewis Strong, Berkshire Daniel Noble Norfolk Edward H Robbins. Bristol John M Williams Plymouth Thomas Hobart. Barnstable Nymphas Marston had one Vote each

For 18th Congress

Hon. Richard Sullivan had forty five Votes

Doct Samuel Bugbee had twenty five Votes

For 19th Congress

Hon. Richard Sullivan had forty three Votes

Doct Samuel Bugbee Twenty Six &

Hon John Endicot had one Vote —

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town

[Voted] to give the committee Instructions to Establish the bounds of Boston and Brookline at the center of the principal western channel which empties into muddy River from Charles River

The Hon. Richard Sullivan then read the Address from the Bunker Hill Monument Association, to the Several Towns in the State which was heard with attention and universal approbation. Mr Eben'r Heath and Capt Cook were appointed to hand the Subscription Book to every Citizen above the Meeting house and Deacon John Robinson & O White to offer it to all persons below the Meeting house. Collection made above the meeting house from persons, was One hundred & Ninty four dollars. 194 —

Collections from below the Meeting house from persons, was One hundred fifty six dolls $\frac{75}{100}$ 156.75 and the whole amount Paid to the Treasurer Nath. P. Russell Esquire 10th Decem 1820 by O Whyte

Novem. 29th. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline for the choice of Representative to the 18th Congress

Rufus G. Amory had fifty seven Votes

John Baily had two Votes

Sherman Leland One Vote

For the 19th Congress, Sherman Leland had fifty six Votes
Rufus S. Amory had two Votes
John Baily had two Votes

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town

Voted The Selectmen be a committee to dispose of the Brick School house at Auction when they think proper.

In consequence they appointed the next Friday the 3d day of December at 2 O'Clock P M at which time the building was sold with a few usless Logs &c for about One hundred & forty eight dollars—

1825 *January* 1st Saturday ensuing the New Town Hall was Dedicated by Prayer and Sacred musick

January 3d At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled in the Town Hall for the choice of Representative to the 19th Congress when the Hon Sherman Leland had twenty nine votes & John Baily had Ten votes.

The Town then passed an unanimous Vote of Thanks to Deacon John Robinson for the valuable Present of a Chandelier for the use of the Town Hall and that the same be placed on the Town record—

Agreeable to a vote of the Town on the first of November the committee appointed for the purpose, met the Mayor & Aldermen of Boston on the Mill Dam and Established the following boundary lines between the Town of Brookline and City of Boston, Commencing at a stone monument eleven hundred and twenty three feet distant Westerly from the westerly side of the filling Sluices of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Dam thence running north westerly from the monument on the Mill Dam till it strikes the center of the Channel of Charles River and also running from said monument on the Mill Dam, Southerly in the direction of the Steeple of Doct

Porters meeting House till it strikes the Center of the channel of Muddy river at which point the Town of Brookline Roxbury and the City of Boston meet agreeable to a Survey taken by S. P. Fuller and held by the City of Boston.

1825 *March* 7th At a meeting of qualified Voters warned and assembled in the Town Hall agreeable to Law

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

O. Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson O. Whyte Selectmen

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Thanks were Voted to Mr Murdock for his Services as Selectman

E. Corey Jun'r 1 N Moses Jones 2. Dan'l Perry 3 Caleb Clark 4. Benj White 1 M Jonas Reed 2. Jos White 3 Ro Harris 1 S. Isaac Cook 2. Surveyors of Highways

Dea E. Corey Dea Clark James Leeds School Committee

Nath'l Murdock Abel Hubbard surveyors of wood &c

Chas Stearns sen'r Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Timo H Child Enos Withington Field drivers

Doct Wild James Holden Tythingmen

John Robinson E. Heath D. Pierce, G. W Stearns Chas Stearns fire wards

Dan'l Pierce Dan'l Perry pound keepers

Amos Snow Ralph Emery Hogreaves

Geo W. Stearns Clerk of the Market

J Robinson Jos Goddard O. Whyte com on Town Accounts

Capt Griggs Capt Pierce Capt C Stearns com on Arms & Ammunition

John Bullard had Forty Votes for County Treasurer

Voted Elisha Stone Constable and collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ ct with a deduction of 8 ℘ct. to all who pay before 1 Jan'y

Voted to raize Five hundred dollars to repair the Highways to be worked out as usual

Voted That neat cattle Horses & Horse kind shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town without a Keeper

Voted to postpone the choice of the 3d selectman till April meeting

Voted that Hereafter the Sexton shall be appointed by the Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen with three others, be a committee to examine the roads and Report at April meeting the sum necessary for their repairs

Voted That Dea Corey Dea Clark & C Craft Jun'r join the Selectmen as the com on Roads

Voted That the South District receive their propotion of School money as Usual

March 7th Jury Box was Regulated agreeable to the new Law on the subject —

1825 *April* 4. At a meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled to give in their Votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor & Senators when there appeared for

for Governor

The Hon Levi Lincoln fifty five Votes
Hon Samuel Lothrop one Vote
Benja Goddard one Vote

Lieut. Governor

The Hon Marcus Morton fifty six
Ben Bradley one Vote

For Senators

The Hon Josiah J. Fiske had fifty five Votes
Hon John Ruggles had forty five Votes
Wm. Ellis Esq'r had fifty two Votes
Henry Gardner Esq had Eight Votes
Rufus G. Amory Esq'r had twelve Votes
Hon Richard Sullivan had two Votes

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Vote was taken for Selectman when there appeared for Mr. Tho Griggs Thirty two Votes for Mr. Ebenezer Heath twenty eight Votes for Mr Benja White one Vote. Mr. Griggs excused himself from serving and at the Second Ballot. Mr James Leeds had one Vote & Mr Eben'r Heath had forty one Votes and accepted. Mr Tho W. Sumner declined serving for Surveyor and paid his fine to O Whyte which was paid over to Mr Benja Goddard May 1 1826 —

Mr. Isaac Cook was then chosen Surveyor

The Committee appointed at March meeting to Examine the roads and report what parts required assistance made their Report to allow the 3d Middle District Ten dollars, The Second Middle Ten dollars and the first South Thirty dollars In addition to their Highway Lists. The former committee were appointed to Locate Shed Lots, when after examining the Situation, they laid out four Lots on East side of the Meeting House running East & West commencing twenty five feet west of the front of other sheds now Built

Voted That Mr Caleb Craft Jun'r be a committee man to provide the School Masters & Mistresses for the South School for the Year under the Control of the School Committee as other Schools

May 2 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the Choice of Representative to the General Court when there appeared Eighteen Votes

Seventeen for Dea John Robinson & one for Caleb Craft Jun'r

John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Town

Voted to build the most approved Hayscale

Voted that a Committee of the Selectmen with Mr Charles Stearns & Capt Geo W. Stearns attend to having the same Erected

Voted that One hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated as usual for womens schools

Capt Geo W Stearns Mr. John Warren Mr. Jos Ford committee to provide Mistresses in their Respective Districts

Voted a List of Twenty two Jurors agreeable to the Last Law

Voted that the Report on Shed Lots be Accepted

Voted that Forty eight hundred dollars be Raized for the expenses of the Town the Present year.

Voted that when shed Lot No 9 shall be Erected the Selectmen be empowered to have a Suitable room for the Hearce &c finished

Voted That O. Whyte & Geo W Stearns be a Com. to Enquire the expense of having the bell re cast

N.B. some time after on Examining the Meeting house it was found necessary That the Tower and Steple should be repaired and as it could not be done this Season it was agreed that the Subscription for the Bell should not be called for till next Season, and while the repairs are going on

November 9. Mr Ebenezer Heath & O. Whyte with the assistance of Mr Samuel Slack & Wm. Ackers Examin the Situation and Bounds of the Ministerial woodlot in Needham and concluded that it will be well for the wood to grow Ten years longer before cut

Memo. The Sheds built on the east side of the Meeting house in Summer of 1825

Built for. No. 10. Tho H. Perkins
11. Aug. Aspinwall
12. Aug. Aspinwall
13 James Holden
14 Aug. Aspinwall

Average Cost Eighty Seven dollars & 4 Cents Exclusive of Land

December 14. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled To see what the Town would do respecting the contemplated turnpike from Holliston thro this Town.—they chose

John Robinson moderator &

Voted that the Selectmen draw up a remonstrance to the Legislature against the proposed turnpike and in case it should be granted by the Legislature the Representative of the Town be instructed to make the best terms he can for the accommodation of the Inhabitants of the Town.

1826 *March* 6. At a meeting of the qualified Voters of Brookline legally warned and assembled

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

O Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson O Whyte Eben'r Heath Selectmen & Assessors

Eben'r Heath Town Treasurer

Enos Withington 1 N. Rufus Babcock 2. John Woodward 3 Tho Wally 4 Eben'r Heath 1 middle Eben Richard 2. Jos White 3 Timo H. Childs 1 So Benja Goddard 2. Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Corey sen'r J. C. Clark James Leeds School Committee

Nath'l Murdock, Abel Hubbard Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Clark, John Warren Fence Viewers

Daniel Pierce Moses Jones Field drivers

Eben'r Heath George W. Stearns Tythingmen

John Robinson, E. Heath Dan'l Pierce G. W. Stearns & Cha Stearns Firewards

Dan'l Perry Dan'l Pierce Pound Keepers

John Hayden John Whittier & Ed Perry Hogreaves

Geo W Stearns clk of Market

J Robinson Jos Goddard O. Whyte com on Town accounts

D. Pierce C. Stearns Jun T. Griggs com on Stock of Arms &c

Elisha Stone was chosen constable & collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ cent with deduction of 8 ℘ ct for all who pay before the first of January

John Bullard had forty six Votes for county Treasurer

Voted To raize five hundred dollars for repairing Highways to be worked out as usual

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse Kind shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town without a keeper

Voted That a committee of Five examine the school houses and report at April Meeting

O Whyte Town Clerk

1826 *April* 3. At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators there appeared for his Excellency Levi Lincoln forty five votes for Governor, also two votes for Samuel Hubbard and one vote for the Hon James Loyd

For Lieut. Governor the Hon Tho. L. Winthrop had forty seven votes

For Senators The Hon Josiah Fiske had forty six Votes
The Hon Wm. Ellis had forty five Votes
Hon Henry Gardner had forty seven Votes
Hon Rich'd Sullivan had two Votes
David S. Greenough Esq'r one Vote

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to see the Inside of the School Houses repaired before the winter Schools commence

Voted That the Selectmen be empowered to make repairs they shall think necessary to the Meeting house

Voted That One hundred dollars shall be granted to the Singing Society

Voted That the Rev'd Doct Pierce & Selectmen shall be added to the School Commitee

O. Whyte Town Clerk

1826 *May* 1*st* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the choice of Representative to the General Court when there appeared for Deacon John Robbinson twelve Votes

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Town

Voted To Raize Forty two hundred Dollars for the Expenses of the Town the current year—

Voted to have three womens Schools the present Season as usual

June 14*th* John Whittier took up in Damage in Mr. B. Guilds pasture a dark Bay horse about 15 hands high marked with a star in the forehead near hind foot white supposed to be about nine years old was Lame in his off fore foot from which a nail was taken by the Farrier and from that time he grew better of his lameness and was apprized 11th October

Novem 6. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned & assembled for choice of Representative to Congress when the Hon John Baily had nine Votes
Hon Rich'd Sullivan had three Votes

Decem 18*th* Taken up on Benja Guilds farm in Brookline by John Whittier the 28th Novem a small Red Cow 7 or 8 years old with the letters L. S. cut in the hair on the left Side, hind feet white, the above cow has been advertized according to Law.

1827 *March* 5*th* At a meeting of the Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson Oliver Whyte Ebenezer Heath Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

Augustus Aspinwall 1 North Tho Griggs 2. Geo W. Stearns 3. Jos Sewall 4, Benja white 1 middle Dan'l Pierce 2. Will'm Ackers 3. Thadd's Jackson 1 South John Warren. 2. Surveyors

Elijah Corey sen'r Joshua C. Clark. James Leeds School Committee

Geo W. Stearns Elisha Stone surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence viewers

Daniel Pierce Moses Jones Field drivers

Capt. Cha Stearns Eben'r Heath Tythingmen

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Daniel Pierce Geo. W. Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards

Daniel Perry Daniel Pierce Pound Keepers

William Emery, Sam'l Craft Cha Stearns Jun A. W. Goddard Nelson Marble Hogreaves

George W. Stearns Clk of Market

John Robinson Joseph Goddard Oliver Whyte committee on Town Accounts

Daniel Pierce Capt: Griggs Cha Stearns Jun'r committee on Town Stock of Arms &c

Elisha Stone chosen constable and collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ ct. with a deduction of 8 ℘ ct. to all who pay on or before the first of January

John Bullard had Forty three votes for County Treasurer

Voted To Raise Five hundred dollars to Repair the Highways to be worked out as usual

Voted That Neat Cattle Horses and Horse Kind shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town without a Keeper

Voted That, Benjamin Goddard Ebenezer Heath and Elisha Penniman be a committee whose duty it shall be to see at all times that a contract which was made between the Town and the Worcester turnpike corporation is fulfilled with good faith by the parties thereto — and that said Turnpike road generally far as it passes through this Town is kept in Repair — with full power to prosecute at the expense of the Town for any breach of covenant or for any failure on the part of said corporation to keep said road in suitable repair according to Law

1827 *April* 2. At a Meeting of the Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall, for the choice of Governor, Lieut. Gov. & Senators when there appeared

For his Excellency Levi Lincoln for Governor Fifty Six Votes

for B. Goddard Wm. C. Jarvis and B. Bradley one Vote

For Hon Tho L. Winthrop for Leut. Governor had Fifty seven Votes

A. Field & N. Severns one Vote —

for Senators

Hon. Rich'd Sullivan had Fifty one Votes
" Sherman Leland " Fifty two Votes
" Christo Webb " Fifty Six Votes
" Henry Gardner " Three Votes
" William Ellis " Three Votes
" Eben'r Seaver " Three Votes
" Wm. Sullivan " One Vote

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator — when the Town

Voted to Raize Sixty dollars to be apportioned on the Highways by the Selectmen

1827 *May* 7. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the choice of Representative to the General Court and for other purposes

Deacon John Robinson was unanimously chosen Representative to the General Court

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Town

Voted To raize Sixty dollars for the singing society

Voted That the Selectmen cause the Body of the meeting house to be painted the present year —

Voted to Raize Forty two hundred dollars for the Expense of the county, Town & Parish the present year

Voted that Samuel Craft Joseph White & Caleb Craft be a Committee to provide School Mistresses in their Respective districts —

1828 *March* 3. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and Assembled at the Town Hall.

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver Whyte, Town Clk & Sworn

John Robinson Eben'r Heath O. Whyte Selectmen & Assessors

Ebenezer Heath Town Treasurer

John Robinson 1st N. Cha Stearns Jun. 2. James Leeds 3 Caleb Clark 4 John Hayden 1 middle Eben'r Richards 2. Jos White 3 Curtis Travis 1 So. Isaac Cook Junr 2. Surveyors

Doct Pierce Selectmen Dea. E. Corey Gen'l School Committee

Tho Griggs North John Warren Middle Caleb Craft South District School Com.

Elisha Stone Geo W. Stearns Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Daniel Pierce Cha Stearns Jun'r Field drivers

Cha Stearns Jun'r Eben'r Heath Tythingmen

Daniel Pierce Pound Keeper

John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Daniel Pierce George W. Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards

Joshua C. Clark Isaac Cook Jun'r R. Babcock Geo Whiting. Tho Thompson Hogreaves

Geo. W Stearns clk of Market

John Robinson Joseph Goddard O Whyte committee on Town ac'ts

Capt D. Pierce Capt Tho Griggs Capt Cha Stearns com. on Town Stock of Arms &c

Benjamin Bradley Constable and Collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ Ct. with a deduction of 8 ℘ Ct. to all who pay by 1st January

Voted To raize Five hundred [dollars] for Highways to be worked out as usual

Voted That Cattle shall not run at large within the Limits of the Town without a keeper

March 10. B. Bradley appeared and took the oath of Constable & Collector

1828 *April* 7. At a Meeting of the qualified Voters of the

Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled for choice of Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators when there appeared for

for Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln Thirty three Votes
Hon Marcus Morton Three Votes

for Lieut. Govn'r

Hon The. Winthrop had Thirty three Votes
Nath'l Willis Esq'r had two Votes
Mr Stillman Willis had one Vote

For Senators

Hon Christo Webb had Thirty five Votes
" Sherman Lealand had Thirty four Votes
" Tho French had Seventeen Votes
" Rich'd Sullivan had Seventeen Votes

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator & a Vote was taken for County Treasurer when there appeared Thirty five Votes for John Bullard Esquire

1828 *May* 5. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled to choose a Representative to the General Court and other purposes.

Deacon John Robinson had Thirty Votes
Dea Joshua C Clark had Thirty three Votes
Mr Samuel Craft had one Vote

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when the Town—

Voted to Raize Thirty eight hundred dollars for the Expense of the Town County & Parish

Voted One hundred and fifty dollars for womens Schools

Voted to Grant Eighty dollars to the Singing society

1828 *November* 3. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the choice of Electors of

President and Vice President of the United States and Representative to Congress did then give in the following Votes

Hon T. L. Winthrop of Boston
Hon Sam'l Lothrop of West Springfield at large
Suffolk Dis't Jesse Putnam of Boston
Essex South Stephen White of Salem
Essex North. Baily Bartlett of Haverhill
Middlesex Nathan Chandler of Lexington
Worcester South Gen. John Davis of Oxford
Worcester North Hon Silas Holman of Bolton
Franklin Col Elid Gilbert of Greenfield
Hampshire Hon Joshua Frost of Springfield
Berkshire Samuel Jones Esq of Stockbridge
Norfolk Hon Edw'd H. Robbins of Milton
Plymouth Seth Sprague of Duxbury
Bristol Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket
Barnstable Braddock Dimmuck of Falmouth had forty two Votes

Hon Nathan Willis Berkshire District
David Henshaw Suffolk district at Large
Suffolk Dist John K. Simpson of Boston
Essex South Col James Newhall of Lynnfield
Essex North John Ross Esq'r of Methuen
Middlesex Wm. Austin Charlestown
Worcester South Hon Jonas Sibley Sutton
Worcester No— Will'm Willard Esq. Lancaster
Franklin John Drury Colerain
Hampden. Gen Jas. M. Forward Southwick
Berkshire Hon Phineas Allen Pittsfield
Norfolk Hon Eben'r Seaver Roxbury
Plymouth Hon Peter H Pierce Middleboro
Briston Elisha Dagget Jun'r Esq'r Middleboro
Barnstable John P. Norton Esq'r Tisbury

For Representative to Congress. the Hon John Baily had Thirty Eight Votes, Hon Ebenezer Seaver had fifteen Votes, Hon Rich'd Sullivan had one Vote

Dea John Robinson was then chosen moderator and the Jury Box regulated by vote of the Town

O White Town Clk

1829 *March* 2. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

O Whyte Town clk & Sworn

John Robinson O Whyte Eben'r Heath Selectmen & Assessors

O Whyte Town Treasurer

A Vote was then taken for Constable and Collector of Taxes when there appeared a tie between B. Bradley & E. Stone. On the Second trial B. Bradley was charged with putting in two or more Votes. At the third trial a foreigners Vote was disputed and a Vote for an adjournment till April meeting was carried

April 6. Benjamin Bradley was chosen Constable and Collector of Taxes for 10 ℘ ct. with a deduction of 8 ℘ ct for all who pay on or before the 1st of January

Timo'y Corey 1 n Martin Morse 2 n James Holden 3 O. Whyte 4 n E. Penniman 1 mid Dan'l Pierce 2 Dan'l Sanderson 3. Tho. Tilden 1 so John Warren 2 — Surveyors

Doct Pierce Selectmen Dea E. Corey Gen'l School Committee

Caleb Clark No B Bradley Mid C Craft So District School Committee

Geo W Stearns E Stone Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Daniel Pierce Cha Stearns Jun'r Field drivers

Cha Stearns Elijah Corey Tythingmen

Daniel Pierce Pound Keeper

John Robinson Dea Clark Dan'l Pierce Geo W. Stearns Cha Stearns Firewards

Dea E. Corey, Otis Withington Ro Mitchill John H Pierce, John Campbell Alvin Loker James Bartlett Hogreaves

Geo W. Stearns Clk of Market

Caleb Clark. Caleb Craft D. Coolidge committee on Town accounts

Capt Pierce Capt Griggs & Capt Cha Stearns committee on Town Stock of Arms &c

John Bullard had Forty three Votes for County Treas'r

Voted Five hundred dollars for highway taxes to be worked out as usual

Voted that Neat, Cattle, Horses & horse kind shall not Run at large within the limits of this town without a keeper

O Whyte Town Clerk

1829. *April 6th.* At a meeting of the Inhabitants in Town Meeting legally warned and Assembled for choice of Governor, Lieut. Gov'r and Senators.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had ninty four Votes for Governor

Hon Theo. L. Winthrop had Ninty four Votes for Lieut. Governor

For Senators and Counsellors

Hon Christo Webb had ninty four Votes
Hon Sherman Leland had Fifty Six Votes
" Thomas French had forty five Votes
" Eben'r Seaver had. Thirty seven Votes
" Rich'd Sullivan had Eleven Votes
" William Ellis had Thirty Eight Votes

Voted That a committee be chosen to see what amt. the Town of Roxbury have allowed for the purchase of Hose and Buckets for the New Engine Norfolk and that this Town meet them in any expense for the same not exceeding Fifty dollars

O Whyte Town Clk

1829 *May* 4. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for choice of Representative to the General court and other purposes

Deacon Joshua C Clark had forty eight Votes
Deacon John Robinson had forty three Votes
Hon Rich'd Sullivan had two Votes

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator

The committee appointed at March meeting to examin the Town accounts and report at this meeting the amount to be Assessed the present year were not ready to Report

Voted That a committee of Five be chosen to attend to the location of the Road near Mr. Charles Stearns house.

That Tho W Sumner Tho Griggs David Coolidge Cha Stearns & Moses Jones Committee

Voted That this meeting stand adjourned to monday 11th Inst at 4 oClock P. M. to hear the Report of the Committee on the Town accounts —

O Whyte

1829 *May* 11. At an Adjourned meeting from the 4th Inst

Deacon John Robinson Moderator

Voted To Accept the report of the Committee on the town Accounts. that the Town and School Treasurers acc'ts were well vouched and right cast —

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to examine Mr. Heaths acc'ts while Town treasurer that it consist of Caleb Clark Caleb Craft & Tho. W Sumner.

Voted that the Report on the Road near Mr. Charles Stearn's and that the committee previously chosen with the addition of the Selectmen be a committee to see on what conditions the road can be obtained

Voted Thirty eight hundred dollars be raized for the Expense of the Town the County & Parish the Current year —

O Whyte Town Clk

At a Town meeting legally called by Benjamin Bradley and others after due Notifications assembled assembled at the Town Hall May 22 —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

Voted that one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for womens Schools as usual

Voted for the singing society one hundred dollars for the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee on the. proposed road through D Sears farm

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Town Treasurers accounts

O Whyte Town Clk

At the request of Deacon Elijah Corey I have inserted the measurement of the Lot of Land whereon the Baptist Meeting house stands and the Yard adjoining containing about forty six rods

commencing two feet South east of the south eastern Elm tree, running North westerly two hundred and twelve feet on the Cambridge road from thence south westerly sixty eight feet on Land of Robert Davis's heirs, Southerly ninty four feet to land of Jonathan Dana's heirs from thence easterly Sixty eight feet on the Watertown road to a point seven feet southerly from the place of beginning

O Whyte Town clk

N. B. The Elm trees have been transplanted this Season and have taken root — 1829

1829 *August* 31. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall

To see what the Town would do respecting the alteration and improvement of the road from the South School house towards Spring Street,

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Voted That Mr Eben'r Heath, O Whyte, Benjamin Goddard, Thomas W Sumner Thomas Tilden Benjamin White and Enos Withington be a Committee to meet the County Commissioners upon the subject of an application for a new road to be laid out in the south part of the Town, and of widening the old road with Instructions, wholly to oppose the application for a new road, and also for altering the old road provided it should create a great expense to the Town

O Whyte Town clk

1830 *March* 1*st* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

O. Whyte Town Clk Sworn

John Robinson O Whyte James Leeds Selectmen & Assessors

O Whyte Town Treasurer

After the choice of Treasurer it was moved by Capt Woodward, that we proceed to the choice of Collector & Constable as usual at the same time another motion was made by Deacon Thomas Griggs that we commit the Collection of Taxes to the Treasurer it being ascertained that the Town by this measure would save one half the commission heretofore paid for collecting—

Benjamin Bradley then offered to collect them for one half ℘ ct if he was elected Collector the motion by Deacon Griggs was negatived and that of Capt Woodward prevailed and the Inhabitants proceeded to Ballot for Collector and Constable and Benjamin Bradley was unanimously chosen—

E. Corey Jun'r 1st N Geo Babcock 2. Wm. Jameson 3 Reubin Hunting 4 Benja White 1 middle E. Richards 2 Jos White 3 Alvin Loker 1 So Joshua C. Clark 2. Surveyors of Highways

Elisha Stone Geo W. Stearns Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Daniel Pierce Charles Stearns Field Drivers

capt Cha Stearns Elijah Corey Tythingmen

Daniel Pierce Pound Keeper

John Robinson Ebenezer Heath Daniel Pierce Geo. W. Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards

Jos Goddard Marshal Stearns A. W. Goddard Geo Whiting Otis Withington Elijah Corey sen'r Hogreaves

Geo W. Stearns Clk of Market

Cha Wild John Hayden Eben'r Heath committee on Town acc'ts

Capt Pierce Capt Tho Griggs & Capt C. Stearns committee on Town Stock &c

Voted to Raize five hundred dollars for Highways

Voted That Cattle shall not run at large within the limits of the Town without a Keeper

Voted to Defer the choice of School Committee till april meeting

O Whyte Town Clk

1830. *April* 5. At a meeting of the qualified Voters of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the choice of Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators, & Counsellors. — there was given in for

His Excellency Levi Lincoln for Gov'r Fifty one Votes
His Hon Tho. L. Winthrop for Lieut. Gov'r Fifty one Votes
Hon Marcus Morton for Governor fourteen Votes
Hon Nath'l Willis for Lieut. Gov'r fourteen Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon Christo Webb. had fifty one Votes
Hon H. A. S. Dearborn fifty one Votes
Hon. Thomas French forty one Votes
Hon Moses Thatcher ten Votes
Colo Royal Turner fourteen Votes
Seth Boyden Esq'r fourteen Votes
Colo Obed Allen fourteen votes

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

Elijah Corey Jun'r declined serving as Surveyor of Highways and George Whiting was appointed in his stead

Doct Pierce Selectmen & Dea Elijah Corey were chosen as General School committee and for prudential committee. Dea Thomas Griggs for N District Mr Joseph White for Middle District and James L. Smith for South District

John Bullard received fifty Votes for County Treasurer

O Whyte Town Clk

1830 *May* 3. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the Choice of Representative to the General Court and other purposes.

Deacon John Robinson had forty eight Votes
Dea Joshua C. Clark had twenty eight Votes
Mr Jos White one Vote —

Deacon John Robinson was then Chosen moderator when the Town

Voted to Grant One hundred and fifty dollars for Womens Schools

Voted to Grant One hundred dollars to the Singing Society

Voted that the Report of the Committee on Town Accounts be accepted

Voted to raize the present year, for expenses of Town, County, State and Parish, Forty two hundred dollars —

Voted that the Town treasurer be authorized to borrow on the Credit of the Town Two Thousand dollars for four years payable by Instalments of five hundred dollars annually if it can be had for five ℘ cent ℘ annum or less and be appropriated for the Debts of the Town —

Voted that the Selectmen and Assessors appoint the time when the collector of taxes shall pay the money into the Treasury of the Town

O. Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled to vote for Representative to Congress on the 1st November 1830—the following Votes were given in

For the Hon. H. A. S. Dearborn Seventy four Votes
Hon Moses Thatcher four Votes
" Abel Cushing two Votes—

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town

Voted that the Selectmen direct Mr. Bradley how he shall proceed in the collection of Taxes for the present year —

Voted to choose a committee of three to Digest a plan for the collection of Taxes and report at March meeting—that this committee consist of—the Hon Richard Sullivan Mr Benja Goddard and Dea. Tho. Griggs —

O Whyte Town clk

This day previous to the meeting Dea John Robinson and O Whyte as Selectmen and Mr Ebenezer Heath met the Commissioners on Roads Deacon Tucker and Mr. Ellis near Mr Caleb Crafts and proceeded to examine the situation of the road and what would be required of the Town and the time to complete the road there—with a Mr Sumner from Dedham and after a full understanding, Mr Sumner has agreed to bring on Men and teams and compleat the Road to the acceptance of the Commissioners between this time and the first of May next for One dollar and seventy five cents per Rod. the whole distance to the Roxbury line being One hundred and Sixty Rods.

1831—*March* 7. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled—

Dea. John Robinson was chosen moderator—

O Whyte Town Clk & sworn

John Robinson James Leeds John Hayden Selectmen & Assessors

Oliver Whyte Town treasurer

Doct. Pierce Selectmen Dea E. Corey Gen'l School Committee

Reubin Hunting N. District Joseph White Middle Tho Tilden South Prudential School committee

Geo W. Stearns Elisha Stone surveyors of wood &c.

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark fence Viewers

Dan'l Pierce Cha Stearns field drivers

Cha Stearns E Corey Junr Dan'l Pierce Tythingmen

Abel B. Shaw, pound Keeper

James Robinson Hogreave

O Whyte clk of Market

Doct Wild J. Hayden Eben'r Heath committee on Town accounts

Elisha Stone Constable

John Bullard had forty five Votes for County Treasurer

Enos Ford had forty Votes for County Register

Voted that the Report of the Committee which were chosen in November to digest a plan for the collection of Taxes be accepted ☞which is entered in this Book, after March Meeting of 1833 —

Voted that Cattle belonging to the Town shall not run at at large within the Town without a Keeper and that Cattle belonging to other Towns shall not run at large without a permit from the Selectmen

O Whyte Town Clk

1831 *April* 4. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline Legally warned and assembled for the choice of Governor Lieut. Gov'r Senators & Councillors.

For Governor His Excellency Levi Lincoln had Sixty three Votes

Hon Marcus Morton had five Votes

For Lieut. Gov'r The Hon Tho. L Winthrop had Sixty three Votes

Hon Nathan Willis had five Votes

For Senators & Councillors
Hon John Endicott had forty seven Votes
" Sam'l P. Loud had forty four Votes
" Lewis Fisher had forty four Votes
" Christo Webb had nineteen
" John Baily had nineteen
" Moses Thatcher had nineteen Votes
" Seth Boyden had three &
" Royal Turner had three Votes

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

Voted to Raize five hundred dollars for highways to be worked out in the Usual manner

Geo Whiting 1 North Sam'l Craft 2. B. B. Davis 3. C Clark 4 Eben'r Heath 1 middle Dan'l Pierce 2. Wm. Ackers 3 Caleb Craft 1 South Cha Tappan 2. Surveyors of Highways

Voted that the Town continue the practice as heretofore of warning our Town meetings by having printed notifications left at the house of each of the Inhabitants which shall mention the time and place and objects of such meeting and that the Selectmen issue their warrant accordingly

Voted that the Town treasurer be authorized and directed to pay Fifty dollars to the Treasurer of the Norfolk Engine for the purchase of Hose & Carriage

Voted that the May meeting be post poned from the first Monday to the Eleventh day of May for the present year —

O Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline for the choice of Representative to the General Court and to take the yea's and nay's in the proposed Amendment of the Constitution assembled on 11th May 1831, and also to hear the Report of their Committees, and appropriate Money for the expenses of the Town the Current year

For Representative, Dea John Robinson had Thirty Votes
Dea Joshua C. Clark had thirteen Votes
Mr Augustus Aspinwall had Three Votes

For the amendment of the Constitution there appeared nineteen Votes — against the amendment twenty one Votes —

Dea John Robinson was then chosen moderator.

Voted that the Report of the Committee be accepted

Voted that the Town Raize Four thousand dollars for the expense of the Town the current year —

Voted that one hundred dollars be paid Doct. Pierce's singing society

Voted that a committee of three persons be chosen to make a report on the Bills exhibited against the Town for opening the Roads through the Snow the last winter, that it consist of Mr Benjamin Goddard the Hon Richard Sullivan and Deacon Elijah Corey, and that they make their Report at the meeting in November next

O Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the choice of Governor Lieut. Gov'r Senators and Councillors and Representative to the General Court on the 14th day of November 1831, did there give in the following Votes

For Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had Fifty Six Votes.
Hon. Samuel Lathrop had eighteen Votes.
Hon. Marcus Morton had seven Votes.

For Lieut. Governor.

Hon. Tho. L. Winthrop had Seventy four Votes
" John Mills had seven Votes

For Senators & Councillors

Hon John Endicott had Sixty four Votes
" Samuel P. Loud had Fifty Seven
" Joseph Hawes had Sixty four
" Christo Webb had Eighteen
" John Baily had Eighteen
" Moses Thatcher had Eighteen and
" Henry Gardner had Eight Votes.

A vote was then taken for Representative to the General Court. But making no choice — A motion was made and carried that we send no Representative the present year.

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator, and the Jury box renewed with the following names

Joseph White Dan'l Pierce Cha Stearns Jun'r Moses Jones Joseph Goddard Marshal Stearns David Coolidge Abijah W. Goddard Geo W. Stearns Nath'l Murdock Enos Withington Tho. W. Sumner Benjamin Goddard Charles Stearns sen'r Timothy Corey Otis Withington Sam'l Craft Tho Griggs Thomas Whitmarsh Joshua C. Clark James Robinson August. Aspinwall, Eben'r Heath Eben'r Richards Jun'r Elijah Corey Sen'r Reubin Hunting Tho. Tilden

O Whyte Town Clk

At a Special meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall December 19th 1831, to see what the Town will do respecting the petition of Thaddeus Jackson and others for a Road in the south part of the Town —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator when it was —

Voted that a Committee of Five be chosen to attend to said Petition, to examine the premises and to Report at an adjournment of this meeting their opinion upon the subject — that this Committee consist of

Mr. Benjamin Goddard Thomas Tilden Samuel Craft Ebenezer Heath and Tho W. Sumner —

then adjourned till Friday next at 2 O Clock P. M.

December 23d 1831. At an adjourned meeting on Friday the Town

Voted that the Report of the committee appointed to examine the Premises &c Accepted and that the same persons be a Committee to meet the County Commissioners at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the above report

O Whyte Town Clk

1832. *March* 5. At a meeting of the Inhabitants legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall —

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator —

O Whyte Town Clerk & sworn

Dea John Robinson Mr John Hayden Charles Stearns Jun Selectmen and Assessors

Oliver Whyte Town Treasurer & Collector

Otis Withington 1 North Tho Griggs 2. N Sam'l C. Davis 3. Sam'l Philbrick 4. John Bass 1 Middle Eben'r Richards 2. Jos White 3. John Turpin 1 South Nath'l Murdock 2. S Surveyors of Highways

Doct Pierce Rev'd J. Warne Dea E Corey Selectmen Gen'l School committee

Reubin Hunting North Dan'l Pierce Middle Thomas Tilden South prudential committee

Joshua Magoon Benja F. Cutter Elisha Stone Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence Viewers

Benja F. Cutter Dan'l Pierce Charles Stearns Field Drivers

Charles Stearns Elijah Corey Jun'r Dan'l Pierce Tythingmen

Daniel Pierce Pound Keeper

S. H. Perkins Benja. F. Cutter Cha Stearns Jun'r Hogreaves

Geo W. Stearns Clk of Market

Doct. Wild Eben'r Heath Dea. E. Corey committee on Town Accounts

Elisha Stone Constable

John Bullard received Fifty four Votes for County Treasurer

Voted That Cattle belonging to the Town shall not run at large without a keeper — and from other Town's they shall not run at large without a permit from the selectmen

Voted To raize Five hundred dollars for the Highways

O Whyte Town Clk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled the 2d day of April 1832.

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator.

Voted That the taking a Valuation of the Town be postponed

Voted That a Committee be chosen to appear before the County commissioners at Mr. Jameson's and oppose the petition of the Turnpike Corporation.

that this Committee consist of William Guild Benjamin Goddard Dea Joshua C. Clark Dea Elijah Corey & Thomas W. Sumner

O. White Town Clk

1832 *May 7th* At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

Voted That the report of the Committee on Town accounts be Accepted

Voted to raize Four Thousand dollars for the Expence of the Town the current year

Voted the acceptance of the report of the committee appointed to meet the County Commissioners to make objections to its being given up for a county road

Voted that the same committee chosen at april Meeting be authorized and empowered to accept such proposition as the proprietors of the Worcester Turnpike may offer, if in their opinion it be for the Advantage of the Town of Brookline that so much of the Turnpike road as lies in the Town, Should be a County road and the offer of the Turnpike corporation be a satisfactory indemnification for the Expense to which the Town must be subjected to keep it in Repair —

Voted To Grant the Singing society One hundred Dollars

O. Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline the 12th November for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor. Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors, for Representative to the State Legislature, and for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, when there appeared

for Gov. Levi Lincoln Seventy six Votes
Marcus Morton twenty nine Votes
Samuel Lathrop Ten Votes

For Lieut. Governor, Samuel T. Armstrong Seventy nine votes
John Mills twenty nine
Timothy Fuller nine votes

For Senators John Endicott Seventy eight Votes
S. P. Loud Seventy eight
Joseph Hawes Seventy eight
Darius Brewer Twenty nine
Consider Southworth Twenty nine
Obed Allen Twenty nine
Christopher Webb nine
John Baily nine
George Hawes nine Votes

For Representatives to State Legislature
John Robinson had Sixty four Votes
Benj Bradley had Thirty
James Leeds seventeen

For Electors of President and Vice President

Charles Jackson Tho. H. Perkins Gideon Barstow Eben'r Mosely Nathan Brooks Aaron Tufts Samuel Lee Ebenezer Mattoon James Byers Henry Shaw James Richardson Cornelius Grinnell Nymphas Marston Jotham Lincoln

The above Ticket had Seventy Eight Votes

Novem 12*th* The following Ticket had Seventy two Votes

Nathan Willis Charles Hood Eliphalet Case Eben'r Seaver Peter H. Pierce Wm. W. Thompson Rich'd Olney Charles Sibley Amos Noyes John Moriarty Phineas Allen John W Williams Perley Barton Sam'l Stimpson

The following Ticket had Seven Votes.

John D. Williams Jacob Hall John Baily Joseph Ricketson Wm. B. Breed Tho Payson Benja Wyman John Chaffee Asa Stebbins Benja Hallett Zach'r Eddy Pliny Merrick Stephen P. Gardner James W. Robbins

John Robinson was then chosen Moderator when it was

Voted that a committee be appointed to see what alterations can be made in the mode of repairing Highways

that this committee consist of

Benjamin Goddard Thomas Griggs Augustus Aspinwall Joseph White & John Warren and that they Report at March meeting

Voted that the Poll tax of enginemen be remitted

O. Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled March 4th 1833.

Dea John Robinson was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk

John Robinson John Thayer Cha Stearns Jun'r Selectmen & Assessors

Oliver Whyte Town Treasurer & Collector

Surveyors of Highways

Aug. Aspinwall 1st North C. Stearns Sen'r 2. Edward Hall 3. Reubin Hunting 4. Hugh M. Sanborn 1 Middle Daniel Pierce 2. Joseph White 3 Tho Tilden 1 South John Warren 2 —

Doct. Pierce Rev'd Jos. Warne Dea E. Corey & Selectmen General School Committee

Reubin Hunting North Jos. White Middle Tho Tilden South Prudential School Committee

E Stone Joshua Magoun Surveyors of wood & Lumber

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence viewers

Benja F. Cutter Dan'l Pierce Charles Stearns Field Drivers

Cha Stearns Elijah Corey Jun Dan'l Pierce Tythingmen

John Robinson Eben'r Heath Dan'l Pierce Geo W. Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards

Daniel Pierce—Pound keeper

E. Richards Jr. J. W. Bass John Stearns Ste'n Jones Theo Murdock. Albert A. Robinson Hogreaves

Doct. Cha. Wild Eben'r Heath Dea Elijah Corey committee on Town accounts

John Bullard had Fifty nine Vote for County Treasarer

Elisha Stone was chosen Constable

Voted that the Report of Committee on Highways be accepted (as entered on the follow page) [588]

Voted that the Assessors be Required to annex to each Surveyors list so much of the above report as expresses the price allowed for Labor on the Highways

Voted that Five hundred dollars be assessed on the Town the present year for Highways

Whereas the County Commissioners for the County of Norfolk contemplate laying out as a public road the Worcester Turnpike as far as it lies in said County which will impose the expense of keeping the same in repair upon the Town of Brookline far as it passes in said Town — And whereas the Worcester turnpike Corporation by their directors have agreed with a committee of this town that if they would withold opposition to the laying out the same the said Corporation will pay the Town the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing said Road and as it will be necessary that the repairs should be commenced as soon as the means are supplied it is therefore — Voted that Benjamin Goddard John Hayden and Daniel Sanderson be the surveyors to repair the said Road according to their best discretion and that they are hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount that shall be in his hands as Rec'd from said Corporation with full authority of procuring materials & labor but not to exceed the Funds aforesaid — and that they make report of their doings at the First Town meeting after they have accomplished the object for which they are chosen, and sooner if the Town shall require it with an account of their Expenditures

Voted That Cattle shall not run at large without a keeper

Voted That a committee of seven. Viz Charles Stearns Reubin Hunting James Leeds Timo'y Corey Thomas Griggs Joshua C. Clark & John Robinson be appointed to examine the situation of the North School district and see if any and what alterations can be made to advantage and report at April meeting

Voted that the several surveyors of Highways cause the snow which may block up or incumber the roads to be removed or trodden down by assigning to the several persons within their limits their ratable proportion of days work and assigning certain days for disincumbering the Roads of snow or give notice thereof according to Law, to the end that the members of each surveyors district may keep open the roads within the same without charge to the Town.

Report of Committee on Highways.

The committee appointed at the Town meeting of November last for the purpose of Considering whether any alteration can be made to improve the mode of repairing highways in this Town have attended that duty and are convinced by investigation that an alteration may be made that will be beneficial to the Town

In the first place they would express their Views in regard to the expediency of keeping our roads good

We believe that money judiciously applied in making good roads and keeping them in good repair would be very amply repaid at any expence it would cost, more especially in this Town, as the Farmer here requires so much more use of them than those remote from the City — Here we have daily intercourse with the City, the receipt of the produce of our farms to be carried to the market is in many cases as much greater than that from the farms at a distance as one hundred to one, and the weight of the manure necessary to be transported over the roads for our farming opperations is still more, and added to those whose necessary constant intercourse with the city with light carriages are considerations to show the great advantage that would accrue to us as an agricultural community to keep our roads in good repair at all times —

And it is believed that those who may use them only with light carriages, tho they really wear them but little will cheerfully pay their proportion of the expense for the pleasure they would enjoy — And should any of the Inhabitants be desirous of selling their estates, what can they add to allure the attention of purchasers better than an habitual attention to the roads — Other towns in this vicinity are availing themselves of these advantages — We see Roxbury, Dorchester, Cambridge all attending to their interests by greatly improving their roads, and we must suffer as they rise if we keep behind them — It is therefore manifest to your committee that the interests of this town requires a more vigorous attention to this subject, our roads not near so good as they ought to be, and as it would be for our interest to have them, arising partly for the want of more Labour and partly from a misapplication of the Tax — Our present system has many defects — First the dividing of the Town into districts is seldom satisfactory to all, some will think they have not their share of the tax, others the sections being small that they have not suitable men for surveyors — secondly the forced manner by which surveyors are appointed is often very repulsive to the incumbent as it imposes on him a task that he feels (as he frequently is) incompetent to perform, the consequence is that he is desirous of getting rid of the Business as soon as possible, he calls for the Labour and works out the tax in about two days leaving the road afterwards to take care of itself heavy rains afterward frequently fill the water courses, the water breaks over the road and washes in half an hour more than can be repaired without many days labour, the road thus gullied and the loose stones are left to stumble over till another year

Again the manner in which our road tax is made payable Viz. allowing it to be paid in Labour at $1.50 for 10 hours for a man, the same for a yoke of Oxen cart and Tools when One dollar will produce the same labour is altogether fallacious and if opperating in any way but to cheat the roads, it is to cheat individuals, for if 1.50 pr. day is taken from any one ignorant of the rule while another in fact pays but one dollar it is manifestly unjust — but the stratagem if it may be so called is generally discovered and men are hired to work out the tax and those who will do it for the least will be sent and it will be found generally, that the cheapest are not the best — To remedy all these defects your committee think that an entire change should be made by making the Tax payable in money and placing it in the hands of commissioners to be expended at their discretion, such a plan well executed would undoubtedly give us the best roads for the least expence

But in the *execution* of such a plan would the success entirely depend — they therefore do not now see the way clear to propose an entire alteration — but they do recommend that the Town so far change the mode heretofore practised upon as to make the tax payable to the surveyor in money or in Labour at one dollar for ten hours labour for a Man and the same for a yoke of Oxen cart and Tools — by this mode many who have no Team or perhaps no man, would pay the money, which will enable the Surveyor to perform his duty to much greater advantage he can retain the money to expend from time to time in Repairing water courses picking up loose stones &c &c A few days labour after the principal part of the work is done if applied at proper times, would in the opinion of your committee save much expence and keep the road in much better order

But with this amendment your committee are aware that much *very much* must depend upon the good judgment and fidelity of the Surveyors (of which considering the interest we all hold in having good roads) it is to be hoped that each of us who may be called to that office will be duly impress'd and that we shall (in good feeling) Vie with each other who shall perform best.

Benj. Goddard Joseph White John Warren Thomas Griggs.

Voted That the taxes hereafter be assessed for repairs of the Highways be payable in Labour at the rate of One dollar for ten hours for the labour of a Man with necessary tools and the same for a yoke of oxen cart & tools whenever said labour is called for by the Surveyor or in money on Demand at the option of the Taxed. And that the several surveyors be sworn according to law, And that they be required to deposit their accounts with the Town Clerk to be examined and passed by the Committee on accounts and pay the ballance (if any remaining in their hands) to the Town Treasurer.

Voted That the Assessors be required to annex a copy of the preceeding Vote to the several lists of Taxes which they shall commit to the surveyors for their guide

Report on Collecting Taxes 1831

The committee appointed at the Town Meeting held on the first day of November last to digest a plan for the collection of Taxes have considered the subject and beg leave to Report That for some years past there appears to have been a disposition among the Inhabitants of many of the Towns in the Commonwealth to adopt some improvements in the mode of collecting taxes, which should at once be more simple and more economical, and probably the Law passed in February 1816, empowing Towns to make their Treasurer the Collector had its origin in this state of the Public mind.

The advantage to the People of paying over immediately to the Officer who has hitherto received the same monies indirectly and after considerable delay is obvious. It will enable him as Treasurer to meet the demands upon the Town with punctuality without the inconvenience trouble and expense of borrowing as has sometimes been the case heretofore, and he can afford to collect the Taxes cheaper than any other person it may also occassionally be a convenience to some of the inhabitants who may have accounts against the Town which have been passed, to have these and their Taxes settled at the same time with the Treasurer. The Committee therefore recommend for adoption the following Votes, Viz

1st Voted that the Town treasurer be ex officio the collector of taxes and that one and a quarter ℘ cent upon the actual collection be allowed him as a compensation for his own services and those of any deputy he may think proper to appoint — That he be authorized to appoint a Deputy, — and that the Treasurer as Collector and also the Deputy Collector shall give Bonds respectively to the Town for the faithful performance of their Respective duties under such penalties and with such surities as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen.

2d. Voted that the single poll taxes be payable on the tenth day of June and all others Taxes on the first day of January

3d. Voted That the Taxes be assessed and a List thereof put into the hands of the Treasurer as Collector on or before the first day of June, and that having provided printed bills at the expense of the Town, he immediately make out and send to each inhabitant and Non Resident his Tax bill which said Bill shall specify as follows

1st. The State, County, Town and Parish tax.

2d. The days and hours and the place when the Collector will attend to Receive payment the said days to be between the 20th December and first of January inclusive

3d. A statement in particular of the course pointed out by Law against delinquents

The Committee say nothing above of any abatements or allowance such as it has been usual to make on payment of a Tax bill on or before the first of January they think it quite evident that the Town has derived no benefit from the practice, and as respects the Inhabitants generally that the appearance of advantage which it holds out is deceptive, and moreover that were there any advantage attending it the operation of such a rule in cases where non residents and others from Ignorance may not avail themselves of it, would be unjust

It appears therefore to your Committee a much more simple, equal and better plan to estimate only what is really wanted for the Town expenses without therein providing for deductions for prompt payment, and that it be distinctly understood by the Inhabitants that each is to pay his part at the time fixed — all which is respectfully submitted —

Rich'd Sullivan Benja Goddard Tho Griggs

Brookline March 1831

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled, for choice of Representative to Congress and other Business April 1st 1833.

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Forty three Votes
William Jack [son] Esq'r had Fifteen Votes

Dea. John Robinson was then chosen moderator. it was then Voted that the report of the Committee on the North School house be accepted —

Voted that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be raized for the purpose of erecting a School House in the North District near the situation of the present building, to be not less than twenty five by thirty feet, and two stories in height and filled with all necessary seats and finished in a workmanlike manner, Provided that a sufficient sum be raized by subscription to finish the same, should the above sum be insufficient, the present House to be used so far as may be useful —

Voted that the same Committee on the North School house be appointed to superintend the building

Voted that the committee for repairing the turnpike road so called be authorized to draw on the Town treasurer for One hundred dollars to be laid out on said road in addition to what has already been apportioned for that purpose they to account for the same —

Voted that John Warren, Thomas Tilden amd O. Whyte be a committee to receive Col Perkins proposition for removal of the middle School house.

O. Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled to give in their Votes for Representative to congress and for other Business May 6. 1833.

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Sixty two Votes
Wm. Jackson Esquire Twenty one Votes
Doct Dan'l Thurber had one Vote.

Dea John Robinson was chosen moderator, when the committee on Town Accounts submitted their Report which was accepted. when it was

Voted that Four Thousand dollars be raized for the Expenses of the Town the present year—

Voted that the Town Treasurer be empowered to borrow for the use of the Town four hundred dollars when the School house is raized if called for by the building Committee —

Voted that the removal of the middle be postponed indefinitely —

Voted That Dea John Robinson, Benja Goddard, and Enos Withington be a committee to meet the County Commissioners and oppose the petition of Josiah Newell and others for a road from Dorc'r to Boston through Brookline —

Voted that the above Committee be empowered to employ counsel should it be thought necessary —

O Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for representative to Congress June 10 1833.

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Sixty six Votes
William Jackson Esq'r had Thirty Votes
Doct. Dan'l Thurber had One Vote

O Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative to Congress August 12, 1833 —

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Sixty three Votes
William Jackson Esq'r had Thirty three Votes
Dan'l Thurber had One Vote

O Whyte Town Clk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled to give in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor & Senators Representative to the state Legislature and to Congress, and also give in their Votes on the proposed amendment to the constitution of the state Nov 11th 1833

For Governor

John Davis Esquire had Sixty Votes
John Quincy Adams Esq'r had thirty one Votes
Marcus Morton Esq'r had thirteen Votes

For Lieut. Governor

Samuel T. Armstrong Esq had sixty six Votes
Sam'l Lathrop Esq had Thirty one
James Fowler Esq had eight Votes

For Senators & Councillors

John Endicott had Sixty eight Votes
Sam'l P Loud had Sixty eight Votes
Jos Hawes had Sixty eight Votes
Christopher Webb had Thirty
John Baily had Thirty
George Hawes had Thirty
D. W. Fiske Eight
B. C. Wales Eight
John Whitney Eight

For State Representative

Dea John Robinson had Forty Six Votes
James Leeds had Thirty Eight

For Representative to Congress —

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Forty seven Votes
William Jackson Esq had Forty two Votes
Hon Rich'd Sullivan had Ten Votes
Daniel Thurber four Votes

Votes on the Constitution

For the Amendment there appeared Seventy one Votes
Against the Amendment — Twelve

O White Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative to Congress 16th December 1833 there appeared for Hon H. A. S. Dearborn Thirty nine

William Jackson Twenty one
Daniel Thurber Three

O Whyte Town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Representative to Congress and other business 27 January 1834

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had forty six votes
William Jackson Esq had twenty eight
Daniel Thurber three & the Hon R Sullivan three

Dea John Robinson was then chosen moderator when the Town Voted That Benja Goddard, John Hayden & E Heath be a committee to meet the County Commissioners at Perkin's & Woodwards on the 11th February and remonstrate against granting the Prayer of the Petition of Samuel Stones and others, it appearing that the said petition is merely a renewal of the Petition of Thaddeus Jackson and others which was presented in the year 1831, and for precisely the same object

O. Whyte Town Clk

March 1834 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled for the purpose of giving in their

Votes for Representative to Congress and for other purposes 3 March 1834

Hon H. A. S. Dearborn had Thirty nine Votes
William Jackson Esq'r Sixty three
Daniel Thurber Three
Hon Rich Sullivan Three

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clk & sworn

John Robinson John Hayden Cha. Stearns Jun'r Selectmen & Assessors

Oliver Whyte Treasurer & Collector

Surveyors of Highways Augustus Aspinwall 1 North Marshal Stearns 2 North James Leeds 3 North John H. Pierce 4 North Eben'r Heath 1 middle Eben Richards Jun. 2 middle Dan'l Sanderson 3 middle Tho M. Woodward 1 South John H Wilkins 2. Do.

Doct John Pierce Rev Jos Warne Dea Elijah Corey & Selectmen Gen'l School Committee

Reubin Hunting North Joseph White Middle Tho Tilden South prudential committee

Elisha Stone Joshua Magoon Surveyors of wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark. Fence Viewers

Dan'l Pierce Benja F. Cutter Field Drivers

C. Stearns Jun E Corey Jun Daniel Pierce Tythingmen

John Robinson Joshua C Clark Daniel Pierce Geo. W. Stearns Charles Stearns Firewards

Elizur Holyoke, pound keeper

Simon Clifford Caleb Craft Jun'r Caleb Clark Hogreaves

Doct Cha Wild Dea. Corey Mr Eben'r Heath committee on Town accounts

John Bullard had fifty eight Votes John Guild had Ten Votes for county Treasurer

Voted that the Town pound near Mr. Eben'r Heaths be put in repair immediately

Voted that Cattle Horses or Horse kind shall not run at large within the limits of the Town the present year with or without a Keeper

Voted that Five hundred dollars be levied for Highway tax on Districts the present year

Voted that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the Worcester turnpike, and worked out by the same Committee chosen last with the addition of Dea Daniel Pierce & Ebenezer Richards Jun'r

Voted that Richard Sullivan Benjamin Goddard Deacon Elijah Corey and Deacon Thomas Griggs be a Committee for defining the Interests of the Town and first Parish and report at the adjourned Meeting April 7th

Voted that Samuel Philbrick, Dea Joshua C. Clark and Daniel Sanderson be a committee to examine the power of the town in restraining Cattle from Running on the Highways and Report at the Adjourned Meeting in April

O Whyte Town Clk

April 1834 At an adjourned meeting April 7th 1834

The Town gave an unanimous Vote for Daniel Sanderson as Selectman in room of John Hayden declined.

The report of the committee for defining the interests of the Town and first Parish was Read by Mr Sullivan and the Votes proposed by the committee were unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON PARISH.

The committee appointed to define the Interests of the Town and first Parish as they stand related having considered the subject Report—That until the organization of the second religious society the first Parish under the existing laws was deemed to be a territorial Parish and as such its limits were identicle with those of the Town and each and every Inhabitant was liable to taxation on his poll and property real and personal for the support of Public worship — But any Inhabitant being a member of any other religious society in another Town was entitled under a Law of 1811 to require that any such tax assed should be paid over to his own Minister—The Assessors of the Town were the Parish Assessors the Town Clerk was also the Parish clerk. and the Town Treasurer the Parish Treasurer. The Parochical expenses were not paid from any fund kept apart from the funds of the Town, but in the estimates of the year Ministers Salary and other Parish Charges were classed as Items of a general estimate of monies required for the disbursements of the Town. On the 5th September 1804 the Town purchased of William Aspinwall and Stephen Sharp the piece of land comprized within the following lines Viz commencing near the Avenue to the Estate of Mr. Silas Pierce (a small Gore of land of Jacob Eustis intervening) thence up the road Westwardly past the meeting-house, Thence south westwardly and Southerly by the Town road to Jacob Eustis's Estate, thence by said Eustis's land eastwardly then Northeasterly and Northerly by a curve line to the starting point.

In the year 1805, the present meeting House was built and the entire space now lying in common round it was laid open, the Horse Sheds now standing on part of the same ground, were errected by consent of the town at the expense of individuals,

The Supreme Court have decided that whenever any Number of individuals being inhabitants of any town and belonging to the territorial Parish therein secede from said Parish, and form another religious Society within the limits of the same town, the property before appropriated by the town to the use of the first Parish shall be considered thereafter as the property of said parish and not of the Town,

The committee according to the Principle of the above decission have now to point out what property of the town appears to have been appropriated or may be thought now equitably assignable to the said first Parish.

First they are of opinion that the land on which the meeting House stands, and that on which the Sheds are placed, ought to be considered as appropriated to the exclusive use of said Parish.

Second. that the land lying open around the meeting House the same having always been used as a training field for the Militia of the Town will as an easment to the Parish should forever hereafter lie common.

Third as respects the Lot South of the Meeting house, as the same could never be encumbered with buildings without endangering the Meeting house from fire or obstructing the light and air and can never be of any worth to the town except for the stone and gravel, the committee therefore recommend, that said Lot, extending to Mr. Eustis's line be henceforward considered as part and portion of the common land secured to the town and said Parish Jointly, reserving to the Town however the right to take stone and gravel from the same at all times.

Fourth. the land on which the Town house stands and the space south of said building to the sheds appears to the committee to be the exclusive property of the Town as also the entire Lot east of the same building and improved as a pasture, also a triangular piece in the crotch of the road west of the meeting House

The only other parcels of land in which the Town & Parish, as far as the Committee can discover have any Interest or colour of interest together are the following

1st the Estate called the Parsonage, of the first Parish which was conveyed to a committee of the Town by Edward Kitchen Walcott and Hannah Walcott his wife by deed dated 14th day August 1781, and as expressed in the Language of the Deed "for the sole purpose and use of the Minister of the Congregational

Church in said Town of Brookline, whereof the Rev'd Joseph Jackson is the present Pastor, and his successors in that office forever to the exclusion of all and every other denomination that subsists at present or may in future"

2d the lot on which the old Meeting House Stood In regard to this the Town past the following Vote. August 21. 1806. Voted that the old meeting house be added and it hereby is added, to the Parsonage

It appears further that by a Deed of Samuel White bearing date 5th March 1759 the Selectmen are made trustee's of a Wood lot in Needham, about twenty acres which is declared in the words of the Deed, to be for a Wood Lot to supply the Minister or Minister's that may be settled in said town from time to time, a portion of the wood was cut and sold and the proceeds invested in a Note and Mortgage of one Daniel Colby, the sum $833.34 and is now due

It appears further that the Deacon's of the First Parish stand as trustee's of one Acre of Marsh land conveyed to them by William Aspinwall by Deed February 1st 1823, for the use of John Pierce D D. and his successors in the Gospel ministry in the first congregational church in Brookline being the same that was owned by the Rev'd James Allen the first minister in the Town

The committee upon a review of the facts and considerations above stated recommend to the Town to pass the following Votes as embracing all the measures which appear necessary or expedient to be taken at present in the Premises — all which is submitted

R'd Sullivan Benja. Goddard Elijah Corey Thomas Griggs Committee

PARISH.

Voted 1st As the sense of the Town that the parcel of Land comprized within the following Limits. Viz beginning at a point on the County road which point ranges with the west side of the Town House thence by said West side of the Town House to the first corner front of the Horse sheds, thence by the north side of the first shed, to the North east corner thereof — thence by the back line of the range of sheds southerly to where the same strikes the land of Jacob Eustis, thence by the boundary line between said Eustis and the Town's land, Westwardly to the Town road— thence Northerly or otherwise as the road runs ro the first mentioned boundary — that the same be and shall forever hereafter be considered common land as between the Town and first Parish and lie common for mutual benefit, except the land whereon the Meeting house stands and the land on which the sheds about the same stand the former to be deemed the property of the first Parish, and the latter the Property of the owners of the sheds subject however to any existing agreement between the Town and said owners in relation to said land, the town reserving to itself the right to take stone and Gravel from the hill back of the Meeting house

Voted 2d As the sense of the Town that the land on which the Town House stands and the Passage way South of the same between said House and Sheds and all the land lying east of said House and east of the sheds and east of a line which line is a continuation of the back line of the sheds southerly to the land of Jacob Eustis is and the same shall hereafter be holden to be the exclusive property of the town as distinct from the first Parish —

Voted 3d That the Provisions, and declarations contained in the foregoing Votes, favorable to the First Parish shall not be held as binding on the town unless at the next meeting of said Parish the substance of said Votes be adopted as the sense of said Parish and the same be duly recorded in the Parish records —

Voted 4th That the Town treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the Interest of Daniel Colby's Note as the same may hereafter grow due and be received the one half to the Treasurer of the first Parish and the other Moity to the Treasurer of the Baptist society for the use of the Respective Ministers thereof untill the further order of the Town as Trustee

Such other arangements to be made as soon as may be to insure to the Ministers of said Societies respectively the income of the wood lot, given for their use by Samuel White — and the Selectmen are requested to take measures accordingly.

The following report was Read and accepted —

Cattle.

The committee appointed at March meeting to examin the Laws relative to the Power of Towns in restraining Cattle from running at large on the Highways made the following Report — That from a full examination of the Statutes of this Commonwealth it appears that no Liberty or right has ever been granted to the inhabitants of any Town to turn their Cattle into the Public highway for the purpose of grazing, and that the existing acts authorizing Towns to Prohibit Cattle from going at large without a Keeper, evidently have no allusion to their feeding in the Public roads but only to their removal from place to place and feeding on common lands, For it is a Remarkable Fact that the word *ways* is not even mentioned in any of the acts in empowering Towns to "restrain cattle running at large"

From some eronious impressions or mistaken apprehensions it appears to have been heretofore the prevailing opinion of the inhabitants of this town that by annually passing a vote allowing no cattle to go at large without a keeper — Any person by providing a keeper had a right to pasture his Cattle in the Public Highways But on recurring to the reports of the cases tried and determined before the Supreme Courts of this Commonwealth, we find it has been there decided to have long since been a settled and established principle in common Law that the Land over which the Highway passes, still belongs to the original owner, his heirs or assigns subject to the right of passing — that the public acquired by the laying out of the road — the Title of the Land, the freehold & all the profits to be derived from it (excepting as a passage way) remain in the owner of the soil" he may even maintain trespass against the owner of Cattle turned there to feed, or for any injury done to the soil which is not incidental to the right of a passage ways (Mass Report 16. 38)

Your committee further find that no person is required to fence against Cattle feeding in the Road; but against such only as may be rightfully on an adjoining close, and that cattle coming into the Town from adjacient towns, contrary to the vote taken on the subject can be lawfully taken up as well as those owned within the Town by any individual and impounded in his private close (4th Pickering 258) These principles having been fully recognized and confirmed by our Supreme court there can no longer exist any Just reason for doubting the right possessed by the Town of Voting an entire prohibition to our former practice of converting the Public roads into grazing pastures — It is therefore our united opinion that the Vote passed at our annual Meeting on March 3d Instant prohibiting Cattle from going at large at all is not only lawful but the best course, we could possibly pursue for the preservation of mutually good feeling and Harmony among ourselves, and for preventing the liability of a constant litigation, which might naturally result from the continued practice of unlawfully grazing the public highway.

Therefore let us henceforth unite in giving full support to these wholesome and established principles of common law, and thus preserve our public roads from all such incumbrances and obstructions to a convenient and safe passage way — and and " the rights of property and safety of Travellers will be greatly secured" And our Women can visit each other relieved from many apprehensions of danger and our children can attend school with greater safety

all which is submitted in behalf of the Committee

S. Philbrick Chairman

Brookline March 20, 1834

Voted, that Deacon Elijah Corey — William Dearborn — Joshua Magoun, James Leeds & Joshua C. Clark be a committee on the petition of Martin Morse and others for a School in the north part of the town, and Report at May meeting —

O Whyte Town Clk.

May. At A meeting of the inhabitants of Brookline legally warned, and assembled May 5, 1834.

Dea John Robinson was chosen moderator

Voted that the Report of the Committee on Town accounts be accepted

Voted that the Estimate of expences for the ensuing year from the same Committee be accepted, and the sum of Thirty five hundred dollars be raized for the expences of the Town the Current year.

Voted that the Report on the Petition of Martin Morse & others for a School in the North district near the Ship Yard be accepted.

Voted that One hundred dollars be placed in the hands of Joshua Magoun (who was chosen prudential School committee man) to Supply teachers for said school for One year, they furnishing their own room and fuel. all to be under the superentendance of the General School Committee.

Voted that the Town treasurer be Authorized to Borrow two hundred dollars for the Worcester turnpike if necessary.

Voted That, the Three Selectmen, and four Prudential Committee men, be a Committee to aportion the funds to be raized for schools, to the Several School districts as they may think equitable — & Report at November meeting.

Voted That the collector of Taxes for the town receive one quarter of one per Cent for Collecting in addition to the former allowance.

O. Whyte Town Clk

Aug 12. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally Warned and Assembled at town Hall, on the 12th August 1834 for the purpose of replenishing the Jury Box.

Dea John Robinson was chosen Moderator, when the following list of names were called over and approved to be placed in the Jury box.

Thomas Tilden Marshall Stearns Geo W Stearns Charles Stearns Jun'r Timothy Corey James Robinson Ebenezer Richards Jun'r Otis Withington Abijah W. Goddard Joshua C. Clark Tho W. Sumner John Bass Elijah Corey Jun'r Caleb Craft Wm. Dearborn Benja B. Davis David R. Griggs John Hayden James Leeds John H. Pierce Silas Pierce Sam'l Philbrick Dan'l Sanderson Seth Thayer Luther Thayer John Warren

N B. this day a few minutes after 5 oClock P M. the Meeting house was struck by Lightening and took fire but was provedentialy saved by the few persons who attended the above meeting

O Whyte Town Clk

1834 17, *October* Be it remembered that on the 17th day of October 1834 We the subscribers being authorized as the Law directs met and proceeded to Perambulate the boundary line between the Towns of Roxbury and Brookline — Viz — beginning at the point in the full basin where the bounds of Boston Roxbury and Brookline meet, from thence continuing the channel of Muddy River to the North west corner of Lemuel Fosters land to the stone monument marked R. B. thence to a stone Monument on Washington street marked R B. from thence to a stone marked R B. lying in the wall near the dividing line between the land of Oliver Whyte and Samuel Philbrick — from thence to a stone marked R B. lying and Confined in a Willow tree near the end of the wall by the edge of the swamp belonging to the Heirs of Capt William Wyman, from thence to a stone marked R B. lying on a rock in the wall between the land belonging to the heirs of William Wyman and the heirs of Thomas White, thence to a stone marked R B. lying in the wall by a Rock in Thomas Wyman's pasture, thence to a large stone marked R B. lying in the wall or fence between the lands of Thomas Lee and Joseph Curtis from thence to a stone monument marked R B. on Perkins Street. Thence to a stone set in the ground on the Hill in Capt Cookes land from thence to a White oak tree standing in the wall between the lands of Mrs White and Joseph Goddard marked R B. thence by said wall to a Stone Monument marked R B. standing in Land of Stephen Childs heirs, thence to a Stake and Stones standing in land of the late Stephen Child, thence to a monument marked R B. at the corner of Alvin Loker's lane thence to a stone marked R B. lying on the wall on the east side of the end of late John Harris's lane from thence to a stone marked R B. lying on a large Rock in the wall between the land of Goddard, Stearns, & Clark and land belonging to Charles Stearns Jun'r from thence to a stone Monument marked R B. at the corner of the wall between the late Wm. Baker and Mr. Woodward land from thence to a stone marked R B. lying at the bottom of the Wall, on the Westerly side of the road leading to Brookline, from thence to a large Stone marked N. R. B. in Weld's meadow being the Corner bound, between Roxbury Brookline and Newton all which boundaries we have agreed to the day and year before mentioned

John Champney Nath. S. Prentiss Isaac Davis Agents for Roxbury

O Whyte Charles Searns Jr Agents for Brookline

Octo. 31. We the subscribers being appointed to Perambulate the lines and re-establish the bounds between the Town of Newton and Brookline have attended that service and agree as follows Viz: Beginning at a Stone marked N B B. in John Kingsbury meadow and running from thence to a stone marked N B on the corner of the wall at the end of the old lane, thence to a Stone marked N B. on the end of the old wall, thence to a heap of Stones in a bunch of Maples, about three feet from a fence one marked N B. Thence to a heap of Stones on a rock in Land of Eben Craft, one marked N B. thence to an abutment stone at the corner of the wall in Joseph Lee's land marked N. B. Thence to a Stone marked NB. on the wall on the highway by land of Eben Richards thence to a Stone marked N B on the southerly side of Worcester turnpike under a Chestnut tree by land of Eben'r Richards, thence to a stone marked NB. in the wall on the Northerly side of the road near the house of A. Hyde thence to a Stone marked N B in the corner of the wall by Ebenezer Crafts land (not found) thence to a Stone marked N B. in the Wall near Capt. Clarks land, thence to a stone marked N B. in the end of the wall, near stake meadow, thence to a stone marked N B. in stake meadow, which bounds makes a corner, thence to a stone marked N B. on the wall by land of T. Hyde about twelve rods from the last mentioned bound, thence to a stone marked N B. in the highway opposite the end of the wall thence to a stone in the wall on the south side of the road near the Saw mill marked NB. Thence to a heap of stones on a large rock in Caleb Crafts pasture one marked N B. thence to a rock in the wall marked NB by the side of the old well in land of A. Jackson, thence to a White Oak tree marked N B. standing in the wall, thence to a large stone on the rocks, in land of Mr. Billings marked N B. thence to a Stone & rock marked N B. in Mr. Welds pasture, thence to a stone marked R N B. under a tree in D. Weld's meadow which bound makes the Corner between the Towns of Roxbury Newton and Brookline—October 31, 1834.

Daniel Sanderson O. Whyte Agents for Brookline

Stephen W. Trowbridge Nathan Trowbridge Selectmen of Newton

1834 *Novem.* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall on the 10th Novem 1834 for the choice of Governor Lt. Governor, Senators & Counsellors, Representative, to Congress and State Legislature and for other business— Votes were Received

for Governor

John Davis had ninty five votes
Marcus Morton had twenty three
John Baily had twenty eight

For Leiut Governor

Samuel T. Armstrong had ninty five votes
William W. Thompson had twenty three
George Odiorne had twenty eight

For Senators & Counsellors

Theron Metcalf had ninty six Votes
Allen Tillinghast had ninty five
Elijah Vose had ninty five
Ebenezer Seaver had twenty three
Abel Cushing had twenty three
George Holbrook had twenty three
Christ'r Webb had twenty nine
George Hawes had twenty nine
Benja. P. Williams had twenty eight

For Representative to Congress

William Jackson had One hundred votes
Richard Sullivan had Six
Daniel Thurber had Thirteen
James Leeds had one

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Doct. Pierce, Rev Jos Warne, Dea. Elijah Corey & the Selectmen Gen School Committee

North District — Reuben Hunting Middle do Joseph White South do Tho Tilden Second North do Joshua Magoun Prudential school Committee

Elisha Stone Joshua Magoun Surveyors of Wood &c

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence viewers

Benja Goddard, Eben Richards, Josiah Richards Tho Saverns, Clark Haynes, Amos Snow Stephen S C Jones, John G. Stearns, Geo Newell & James Wentworth — Field Drivers

Amos Snow, & James Wentworth were Sworn

Elijah Corey Jun'r Charles Stearns Jun'r and Daniel Pierce Tythingmen

John Robinson, Joshua C. Clark Daniel Pierce, Geo. W. Stearns and Charles Stearns Sen'r Fire Wards

Doct. Charles Wild Dea Elijah Corey & Eben'r Heath. Committee on Town Accounts

Daniel Sanderson, John Warren, Tho Tilden, & Timothy Corey Surveyors or Commissioners on Roads

Elisha Stone, Constable & Sworn

John Bullard had Sixty seven Votes for County Treasurer

Voted. That. Dea Timothy Corey, Thomas Tilden. & Benjamin Goddard be a committee to nominate persons to serve as Surveyors, and call upon them and make a report of such as may consent to Serve, at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted That a Committee be appointed which shall be denominated Commissioners on Roads with power to act as surveyors according to Law of all the Publick roads in the Town and that they be entitled severally to the sum of two dollars pr Day, or at the same rate for parts of days they may necessarily expend in the direction and superintendance of the business.

Voted, To choose a committee to take into consideration the expediency of an application to the commissioners on Roads for a new Road at the South westerly end of the Town, beginning near the House of Messers Woodward & Perkins and ending near the House of Mr. Benjamin White with instructions to examin the proposed rout, with authority to employ at the expense of the Town, a Surveyor and such other useful aid as may be necessary in obtaining the length of the proposed new road, and a description of Soil over which it would pass. Also the cost the town must be at in making said road and the probable annual expense in keeping it in Repair — Also to veiw the alterations that are directed by the commissioners to be made upon the old road with an estimate of the cost thereof — and generally report their opinion upon the probable effect it would be likely to have as to the increase of travelling and the advantage or disadvantage such Travel would be to the Town — and report at the adjournment of this meeting — the Committee chosen for the above purpose were Hon Richard Sullivan. Ebenezer Heath. Isaac Thayer. Dea Thomas Griggs Benjamin Goddard. James Robinson Sam'l Philbrick & the Selectmen

The meeting was the adjourned to the 23d Instant at two OClock in the afternoon.

At an adjourned meeting from the 2d Inst. to the 23 March.

Dea John Robinson moderator

Voted That the sum of Seven hundred dollars be appropriated, for the repair of the roads the current year. and that the Treasurer be Authorized to borrow the sum if necessary reimbursable out of the present years tax.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the orders of the commissioners on roads, for such sums as they may choose to draw for from time to time for the repair of the roads, not exceeding in the whole the amount appropriated for that purpose, and that said commissioners present their accounts, to the Committee on Accounts for examination and allowance.

Voted That the Surveyors of Highways be authorized to purchase a small piece of land in Newton for the use of the Town in repairing the Highways.

Voted That the Highway tax be paid in money and not in labour the current year

Voted That Cattle Horses and Horse kind shall not run at large within the Town the present year —

Voted That. the Report of the Minority of the committee on the proposed road at the South west part of the Town be accepted, provided the Commissioners will discontinue their improvement ordered on the Putterham road below where the New road commences.

Voted That a bill of Seven dollars paid by Mr I. Thayer to gentlemen who came on to make an estimate of the expense of Making the new road be reimbursed to him by the Town.

1835 *May.* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the choice of County Commissioners and other Town business May 4. 1835 — when there appeared for.

Samuel P. Loud Forty Votes
Lewis Fisher twenty three votes
William Ellis twenty three
Seth Mann Seventeen
Jos Hawes Eighteen

for Special Committee

Benja P. Williams had thirty four Votes
Asa French twenty one
John C. Scammel Seventeen
Isaac Davis two votes —

Dea John Robinson was then chosen Moderator — when the Report on Town accounts was received and accepted —

Voted That four Thousand dollars be raized for the current expences of the Town the present year — including the Highway Tax —

Voted That the agreement made between the Roxbury Selectmen and the Selectmen of Brookline respecting the Engine (belonging to both towns) be accepted.

Voted That the Town accept the proposition of Moses Jones to widen the Lane adjoining his land between the Turnpike and Brook.

Voted. That the subject of grant for the Engine House be left to the Selectmen —

O Whyte Town Clk

1835. *Novem* 9 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Leut. Governor, Senators and counsellors, and for the choice of Representative to the General Court and for other purposes. — The Votes Received were.

for Governor. Edward Everett had ninty votes
Marcus Morton twenty seven
Sam'l T. Armstrong Ten —

For Leut. Governor. George Hull had Seventy one votes
William Foster Fifty two

Senators & Counsellors Allen Tillinghast, had seventy eight votes
Theron Metcalf Seventy
Elijah Vose seventy two —
Benja P. Williams Fifty six
Abel Cushing Fifty
Eben'r Blake Fifty

For Representative to State Legislature —
David R. Griggs had Seventy two votes
James Leeds had Fifty two
Thomas Griggs One
Thomas Tilden One

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

And on the Proposition for taking a New Valuation it was Voted that it was not necessary at Present

O Whyte Town Clk

1836—*February* 2. The Selectmen met at the Post Office and filled the Certificate of Poor belonging to this Town and also the State Paupers, which were George Thompson aged 60 born in Stokely, county of Yorkshire in England came to this State in 1802, became chargable 1st May 1835 —Account made up, till 1st February 1836 39 weeks @ 90 Cts ℘ week 35.10

Ann Potter 8 Years of age born in Brookline became chargable 1st January 1831, acc't made up to 1st Feb'y from 1 Jan 1835

396 days @ 6 cts 23.76

1836 *March.* At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled on the Seventh day of March 1836 for the choice of Town Officers and other business.

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator.

Oliver Whyte Town Clerk & sworn

Charles Stearns Jun'r, Dan'l Sanderson. A. W. Goddard Selectmen

O Whyte Town Treasurer & Collector

Rev'd Doct. Pierce Rev'r Joseph Warne Dea John Robinson Dea E. Corey and the Selectmen General School Committee

North Reubin Hunting Middle Joseph White South. Caleb Craft Jun'r Prudential School Committee

Elisha Stone Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

Caleb Craft Caleb Clark Fence veiwers

Benja Goddard, Eben'r Richards Josiah Richards, Tho. Saverns, Clark Haynes, Amos Snow, S. S. C. Jones, J. G. Stearns & James Wentworth Field drivers

Elijah Corey Jun'r Charles Stearns Jr Dan'l Pierce Tythingmen

John Robinson John C. Clark Daniel Pierce Geo. W. Stearns Charles Stearns Sen. Fire wards

Elizur Holioke Pound Keeper

Doct Charles Wild Dea Elijah Corey Ebenezer Heath Committee on Town Accts

Elisha Stone Constable

John Bullard had Thirty one votes for County Treasurer.

Enos Foord had Forty one votes for County Register

Voted to Raize for Repairs of Highways generally seven hundred dollars

Voted that John Hayden. Samuel Philbrick and Thomas Tilden be a Committee to ascertain if one Suitable man can be found to undertake the superentendance and Repair of the Roads generally thro the Town, — and Report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to Repair the Putterham road to the acceptance of the County Commissioners agreeable to their return last year — and that the Selectmen be Authorized to draw on the Treasurer to the Amount of Repair — and the Treasurer is Authorized to Borrow the Money on behalf of the Town, till the Town shall raize the money to pay the same.

Voted This meeting adjourned till the first monday in April at three O Clock P.M.

April 4 At a meeting from the adjournment from the 7th March.

The Committee Reported that no person suitable for the undertaking could be found to superintend the Repairs of the Roads generally in the Town.

Voted that two hundred dollars of the seven hundred (voted at the last meeting) be assessed on the Polls and Estates as other Taxes, and to be apportioned by the Selectmen on the Turnpike or other Roads as they think proper.

Voted That Five hundred dollars be divided among the districts as formerly

Voted That two Thirds of the work on the Highway shall be done before the first day of June. The remainder before 1st November.

Surveyors chosen were

For 1st North	Dea Elijah Corey	4th North	Sam'l Philbrick
2. North	David Coolidge	1 Middle	Benja Bass
3 North	Seth Thayer.	2 Middle	Eben Richards
3d Middle	Wm. Ackers.	2d South	John Warren
1 South	Caleb Craft Jr.		

O Whyte Town Clk

May. 2 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookline legally warned and assembled on 2d day of may 1836

Deacon John Robinson was chosen Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report of Committee on Accounts

Voted to Raise Thirty three hundred dollars in addition to the two hundred already voted for the Highways at the last Meeting—

Voted That the Selectmen with Deacon Elijah Corey and Joshua C. Clark were appointed a Committee to enquire and see if any improvement can be made in the support of the Poor.— & Report in November —

Voted That the Selectmen with Deacon Timothy Corey be a Committee to survey the Town Lot in Needham and Report at November Meeting —

O Whyte Town Clk

1836 *Novem* We the subscribers the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston and the Selectmen of Brookline pursuant to notice.—Met the third day of November A D 1836 at the place appointed and run the line and renewed the bound marks between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline as follows to wit —

Beginning at a stone Post marked Bo. on the easterly side and Br. on the westerly side standing on the Boston & Roxbury Mill dam, westerly from the new filling sluices lately errected in said dam (the old Sluices referred to in the Act of 22 February 1825 Entitled "an Act relative to the boundary lines of the City of Boston and Town of Brookline" having been removed) thence running north westerly from said post at an angle of one hundred & fifteen degrees from the Mill dam untill it strikes the Centre of the Channel of Charles River, and also running from said Post southerly at an angle of One hundred and three degrees forty minutes until it strikes the Centrs of the Channel of Muddy River at a point where the Respective boundaries of Boston, Brookline and Roxbury meet each other, by being the same lines mentioned and described in the above recited Act.

In testimony whereof We have hereto set our hands the day and Year first Mentioned

Sam T. Armstrong Mayor
Winslow Lewis
Sam'l Greele
Jos. H. Hayden
Thomas Hunting Aldermen

O. Whyte
Dan'l Sanderson
Cha Stearns Jr
A. W. Goddard

1836 *Novem* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled 14th November 1836 for the choice of Governor Leiutenant Governor, Senators and Councillors Representative to Congress and to the State Legislature for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States and also to give in their Yea's and Nay's on the Amendment of the Constitution.—Choose a Moderator Receive Reports of committees and attend to other Town business — agreable to Warrant

Voted that the Town send a Representative to the State Legislature on the second balloting.

Deacon Thomas Griggs had Sixty Votes and was Chosen

For Electors of President and Vice President

at large Nath'l Silsbee of Salem had Eighty three Votes
Edward A. Newton of Pittsfield " " " "

at large Seth Whitmarsh of Sekank had twenty nine votes
Nathan Willis of Pittsfield " " " "

District No. 1 Samuel Appleton of Boston had eighty three votes
Caleb Eddy of Boston had twenty nine votes

2 Leverett Saltonstall of Salem had Eighty three votes
Robert Rantoul of Beverly had twenty nine

3 Benjamin Walker of Lowell had eighty three
Joseph Kitteridge of Andover had twenty nine

4 Laommi Baldwin of Charlestown had eighty three
Francis Tuttle of Acton had twenty nine

5 Joseph G. Kendall of Worcester had eighty three
Samuel Taylor of Sutton had twenty nine

6 Samuel Lee of Barre had eighty three
Samuel C. Allen of Northfield had twenty nine

7 Thomas Longly of Hawley had eighty three
Joseph Fitch ot New Marlboro had twenty nine

8 Isaac. C. Bates of Northampton had eighty three
Harvey Chapen of Springfield had twenty nine

9 Bezaleel Taft of Uxbridge had eighty three
Benja P. Williams of Roxbury had twenty nine

District 10 Howard Lothrop of Easton had eighty three votes
Nathan C. Brownell of Westport had twenty nine

11 Charles W. Morgan of New Bedford, had eighty three
Thomas Mandell of New Bedford had twenty nine

12 Charles J., Holmes of Rochester had eighty three
Jabez P. Thompson of Hallifax had twenty nine

For Governor.

Edward Everett had seventy five Votes
Marcus Morton had twenty nine
John Davis had one.

For Leiutenant Governor.

George Hull had seventy eight Votes
William Foster had twenty nine

For Senators & Counsellors

Thomas French had seventy eight Votes
Walter Baker had seventy eight
Lewis Fisher had Fifty four.
Nathaniel Miller had twenty four
Benja P. Williams had twenty nine
Abel Cushing had twenty nine
Ebenezer Blake had twenty nine

On the Amendment of the Constitution There appeared, Forty Yea's and Thirty Six Nay's

Representative to Congress —

William S. Hastings had eighty two votes
Alexander Everett had thirty one.

Deacon John Robinson was then chosen Moderator

The Reports on the State of the Poor, and the situation of the Wood lot at Needham were read and accepted.

Voted, That, Deacon Elijah Corey, Charles Stearns Jr. Moses Jones, Samuel Philbrick, John Hayden, Joseph White Daniel Pierce, Thomas Tilden and John Warren be a committee to examine the present Boundaries of the Highway Districts and make such alteration in them as they may think expedient and also to take into consideration the distribution of the Highway taxes and recommend such application of said Taxes as they may Judge proper and report at the next March meeting

O Whyte Town Clk

1837. *March* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled at the Town Hall on 6th March 1837.

Deacon John Robinson was chosen moderator

Oliver Whyte Town Clk & sworn

Charles Stearns Jun'r Dan'l Sanderson A W. Goddard. Selectmen & Assessors

Oliver Whyte Collector & Treasurer

Doct. Pierce Dea. J. Robinson Dea E. Corey & Selectmen General School Committee

R. Hunting North District Jos White Middle District Caleb Craft Jr South District Prudential School Committee

Elisha Stone surveyor of wood.

Caleb Craft Sam'l Philbrick Fence Veiwers

John Robinson Joshua C. Clark Dan'l Pierce Charles Stearns James Robinson Firewards

Joseph Frazer Pound Keeper

Doct Charles Wild Dea Elijah Corey Mr. Eben'r Heath Committe on Town accounts

Elisha Stone Constable

John Bullard had Forty nine votes for County Treasurer.

Marshall Stearns Otis Withington Sam'l Philbrick, John Bass. Jos. White. Dan'l Pierce Geo Craft John Dustin Elijah Corey Jun'r (in Room of Jas Leeds Excused) —Field drivers

Voted to Accept the Report of Committee on Highways —

Voted That One Thousand dollars shall be raized for repairing Highways within the Town the ensuing year and that the same shall be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants residents and non residents as other Town charges are assessed and collected as other town taxes are collected into the town treasury, and that the same shall be drawn therefrom by orders from the Selectmen on their settlement with the several surveyors

Voted that the several Highway Surveyors, shall be required to expend before the first day of July in repairing the roads within their several districts full two thirds of the am't of money appropriated for that use, and they shall severally be authorized to make contracts for repairing the highways in such manner as they may deem most for the interest of the town — and that they shall severally exhibit their accounts to the selectmen for settlement.

The Committee appointed at our Town meeting in Novem last for the purpose of examining the boundaries of the several highway districts in the Town, and making such alterations therein as might to them seem expedient, — and also to consider the propriety of apportioning to each district the money which may be annually raized for repairing the publick roads.—Now beg leave to report

That after having had several meetings and consultations together they have finally agreed to recommend the following division of the publick roads into Districts together with such proportion of the money that may be annually raized by the Town for repairing Highways as shall be herein affixed to each district respectively Viz —

1st North The Cambridge road from Brighton line to James Holden's barn together with the cross road by the school house and the New Lane to Worcester turnpike, shall be called the First North district and shall be entitled to Ten pr Cent of the Money annually raized —

2 N. The Brighton road from Roxbury line to Brighton line together with the Cambridge road from the Brighton road to James Holden's barn, shall be called Second North District, and shall be entitled to Seventeen pr Cent of the money annually raized —

3d N. The Road from Roxbury line by Oliver Whyt's house to Rev'd John Pierce's barn together with the New Lane from this road to Worcester turnpike, shall be called the Third North

District and shall be entitled to Eight pr Cent of the money Annually raized —

1st Middle The Old Road from the Worcester turnpike near William Acker's house up by Benjamin White's house to Wood's barn, together with the cross road near Pettee's barn, over the Worcester turnpike Northward to Newton line shall be call the First Middle District and shall draw nine pr Cent of the money raized —

2 M. The Old road westward from Woods Barn to Newton line shall be called Second Middle district and shall receive two pr Cent of the Money Annually —

3 M. The Brighton road from Worcester turnpike by Joseph White's house to Brighton line shall be called Third Middle district and shall receive Three ℘ Cent of the money Annually.

1st South The South road from Roxbury line to Thomas Tilden's house, together with the road running northerly by John Dunn's house to the entrance of the road running to Roxbury by John Warren's house shall be called the First South district and shall receive six ℘ Cent of the Money Annually —

2. S. The South road from Thomas Tilden's house to Newton line together with the Dedham road by Caleb Crafts house to Roxbury line, shall be called Second South district and shall receive Eight ℘ Cent of the money annually —

3d. S. The road beginning at Thomas H. Perkins corner thence down by John Warrens house over the Pond road to Roxbury line together with the road from Mrs. Babcocks house down by the Meeting house, to Rev'd John Pierce's Barn, and from the Meeting house by Thomas Sumner's house to Worcester turnpike, shall be call Third South district, and shall have twelve ℘ Cent of the Money Annually —

Turnpike — Western The Worcester turnpike from Newton line to the Brighton road near William Ackers house shall have nine ꝑ Cent — Eastern And from said Brighton road to the eastern end shall have sixteen ꝑ Cent of the Money Annually —

This division of the roads into districts and apportionment of the Money to each division will secure to each its due proportion of Repairs and if approved by the Town will require an Annual assessment and collection into the treasury of all money's hereafter appropriated by the Town for repairing highways in the same manner as other Town taxes are assessed and collected and which will secure the collection of highway tax on single polls heretofore frequently lost.—All taxes for repairing roads thus collected into the treasury must necessarily remain there till drawn out by Orders from the Selectmen in favour of the several Surveyors at their settlement with the Selectmen —

By the appointment of a highway surveyor for each particular district we are fully persuaded this arrangment if carried into effect will secure the repair of the roads throughout the town more effectually than any other method we can now pursue, All which is submitted on behalf of the Committee

Elijah Corey Chairman

Brookline March 6. 1837.

1st N 10 ꝑ Ct 2 N. 17. 3 do. 8 1 middle 9 2 do. 2 3 do 3 1 South 6 2 do. 8 3 do 12 Turnpike 25=100 ꝑ Ct.

Surveyors of Highways

Daniel Perry first North district Timothy Corey 2 North Caleb Clark 3 do. John Bass 1 Middle Pettes 2 do. Jos White 3 do. Samuel Hills 1. South Phineas Goodenow 2 do. John Warren 3 do. Daniel Pierce Western Turnpike John Hayden Eastern Turnpike.

Voted that The Selectmen have compensation from the town for their services at the rate of two dollars ꝑ Day for the time occupied by their duties —

The meeting was then adjourned till Monday 20th Inst. when the Town assembled and filled Vacancies in town Offices, and —

Voted that Eben'r Heath, John Warren, and Deacon Clark be a committee to Examin the road near the Confectioners and report at May Meeting—

May 1837 The Committee chosen at the last Town meeting for the purpose of examining the road between the Gravel Bank and Mr. Hills House in the upper part of this Town take this opportunity to Report

Your committee find the road for about twenty five rods in length to be so narrow that two teams cannot pass each other without Hazard — being about twelve feet wide in the travelled part — Your Committee recommend to widen this road eight feet in the bend running to a point at each end —

Your Committee estimate the expense at about two hundred & fifty dollars including the cost of a Bank wall and blowing two or three rocks which are in the way — The Committee think proper to inform the Town that Mr. Benjamin White will in order to cut of this bend entirely give the land for a new road commencing at the bottom of the Hill near the Gravel bank so called running in a Strait line to the front Fence of Mr. Hills house, the distance is about thirty two rods, the road may be two & a half or three rods wide, provided the town will be at the expense of Moving the Soil on to the Old road and make a Substantial wall on each side of said new road. This road way may be made Solid with small Stones at the bottom and gravelled properly for about Ten dollars ℘ rod. $320 Sixty four rod Wall @ 2$ 128=448

Eben Heath John Warren J. C. Clark Committee

April 1837.

May 1. 1837. at The Meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled on Monday the first day of May 1837 — Dea John Robinson was chosen Moderator.

Voted to Accept the report of the Committee on accounts &c (see next page)

Voted that Twenty five hundred dollars be assessed for the expenses of the Town the Current year in addition to the Thousand voted at March meeting for Highways

Voted to Accept the Report of the committee on the improvement of the road near Mr Benja White's & that the selectmen & Mr John Warren be a committee to attend to the improvement — (see page opposite)

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be presented to Mr. James Leeds for his services as School treasurer and that the Town Clerk should give him notice of the Same.

Deacon Thomas Griggs was chosen school treasurer in room of James Leeds resigned —

Voted that the Town received from the Treasurer and receiver general of this Commonwealth their portion of the surplus revenue, and comply with the several Acts passed by the Legislature on the subject—and after reading in Town meeting the several acts approved the 21st March, 1st and 12 april it was

Voted that the Town treasurer be authorized and he is hereby empowered to receive of the Treasurer of this Commonwealth our proportion of the Surplus revenue — and from time to time as received he is directed to deliver and pay over the same to the Trustees of the School fund, who are required to loan the same on interest to be amply secured by Mortgage of real estate on a term of time not exceeding one year, and the said Interest shall be applied to the support of our public Schools.

Voted, that the business of procuring a new Hearse be left with the Selectmen

Martin Morse was chosen surveyor of Highways for the first North District in Room of Dan'l Perry excused

At this Meeting the Jury Box was renewed and the following names placed therein — by Consent of the Town.

John Bass Silas Pierce Seth T. Thayer A. W. Goddard Sam'l Philbrick Otis Withington Dav'd R Griggs James Robinson Will'm Dearborn Reubin Hunting Dan'l Sanderson Benja B. Davis Moses Jones Charles Stearns Jr Geo W. Stearns John H. Pierce Marshal Stearns

Copy of a Certificate of Manufacturers in Brookline as Returned to Secretaries office 30th Septem 1837 —

Number of Tanneries — Three —

Hides Tanned.	2500
Value of Leather	$16.000
Number of Hand	Nine
Amount of Capital	$12000
Number pair Boots made	450
do — Shoes —	350
Gross Value of Boots & Shoes	$2550
Number of Males employed —	Three

May 1 1837 The subscribers appointed a committee to Investigate the Towns accounts for the Year just passed have performed that duty and respectfully submit for your Consideration the following Statements as the result of their Examination

In the hands of Mr Leeds their treasurer of the school fund the Bonds and Mortgages constituting that fund in compleat order with policies of insurance affording ample security and amounting in total to $2281.01. — with his accustomed promptness he has collected the whole interest of that sum for the past year

amounting to —	136.83
and all the arrears of Interest	12.25
which with the balance remaining in hands May 1. 36	154.55
makes the agregate for which he is accountable	303.63

He has paid at the direction and to the	[303.63	
order of the Selectmen —	162.00	
which leaves in his hands a balance	$141.63	

The Town treasurers accounts Stand thus — Viz —

The whole amount of Tax committed to him for collection was		3614.80
from this abatements have been made of	43.18	
Remaining Supp'd Good. 220.$ doubtful 24.90	244.90	
		288.08
leaves the Am't he has actually collected		$3326.72
To this add. back debts arrears of Taxes demands in offsett &c —	201.93	
and the balance in his hands due to the town last audit	276.36	
		478.29
Renders him accountable to the Town for the Gross sum of		$3805.01
He has paid for repairs of Highways	573.54	
County & Needham Taxes & Commiss'rs fees	645.52	
Engine & Repairs &c.	72.03	
Publick Education Salaries Fuel repairs &c	974.87	
Military Affairs & abatements	9.40	
Expenses of the Poor	573.65	
Town Officers levying & collecting Taxes Stationary &c	255.69	
		3104.70
leaves a balance due the Town		700.31

The resources of the Town for the year ensuing will therefor be

— Balance due from Treasurer of School fund	141 63
Town Treasurer	700.31

Available arreages of Taxes	220 —	
Due from Commonwealth & other debts	80 —	
		280
Probable income of Hay scale	90	
of School Fund	136.83	
		226.83
		1368.77
From this deduct probable demands		250 —
will leave to defray Expenses for the ensuing year		$1118.77

The Pecuniary affairs of the Town are at Present in a much better condition than at any period for a long time past, with a Tax for the last year as small as for any of the six previous years the balance in the Treasury has become greater and this notwithstanding large drafts for the alteration of highways in the upper part of the Town —

Thus were it not for the new arrangment in the mode of repairing the highways the necessary tax for the year ensuing would be but two thirds of the Amount Annually raized for the last seven years, and even less than the average of those years, will cover the sum appropriated by Vote for the repairs of Highways for the present year as will appear by the following estimate Viz —

There will be required for the purposes of Education.	1050—
Repairs of School houses fuel &c—	200—
Support of the Poor.—	625
Payment of Out Standing debts	400
County & Needham Tax	620
Town Officers Stationary &c—	400
Assessing & Collecting Taxes—	125
	3420

from this deduct bal'c in Treasury income Claims &c.	1100
leaves necessary for ordinary Town expenses—	2320
To this add the sum Voted as a highway Tax—	1000
will make it necessary to raize	3320
or the Gross sum of	3500—

the subscribers are happy to testify to the scrupulous fidelity with which the Pecuniary affairs of the Town have been conducted by all concerned in their management, and while they express their regret that the Treasurer of the School Fund Mr James Leeds finds it expedient to relinquish that duty, they take this oppertunity to assure their fellow Citizens that he is entitled to their thanks and gratitude for the faithful and prompt manner in which he has so long and ably conducted that department

Charles Wild Eben'r Heath Committee for 1837

Brookline May 1. 1837

1837 *Novem* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally Warned and assembled for the choice of Governor. Leiut. Governor, Senators & counsellors & Representative to the State Legislature, The following votes were given — whole number of Votes for Governor was one hundred & twelve, of which

Edward Everett had Eighty three &
Marcus Morton Twenty eight
William Jackson One

For Leiut. Governor whole number One hundred & fifteen of which George Hull had eighty five &
William Foster had twenty nine

Whole number of votes given in for Senators & Counsellors of which
Thomas French had eighty two
Samuel Goodrich had eighty four
Joseph L. Richardson had eighty three

Benja P. Williams had Thirty
Abel Cushing Thirty &
Alex'r H. Everett had Thirty one

For Representative to the General Court
Deacon Thomas Griggs had sixty one votes & was chosen

1838 *March* At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and Assembled on 5 March 1838 for choice of Town Officers and other business

Dea John Robinson was chosen Moderator

Oliver White Town Clk & sworn

Charles Stearns Jun'r Reubin Hunting John W. Bass Selectmen and Assessors

Artemus Newell Collector & Treasurer

Doct Pierce. Rev Wm. H. Shaler Dea J. Robinson Dea E Corey and Selectmen — General school committee

Seth T. Thayer North Joseph White Middle Samuel Hills South Districts prudential school Committee

After the resignation of the Trustee's of School fund as will appear on the following pages.

Charles Stearns Jr Daniel Sanderson Abijah W. Goddard Reubin Hunting and James Robinson were chosen Trustee's of School Fund

Artemas Newell & Elisha Stone, surveyors of Wood &c

Marshal Stearns & George Murdock, Fence Veiwers

Martin Morse Caleb Craft & John Dustin Field drivers

John Robinson J. C. Clark Dan'l Pierce Charles Stearns and James Robinson Fire wards

Frazer pound Keeper

Doct Wild, Dea E Corey, and Eben'r Heath On Town accounts

Elisha Stone, Constable —

John Bullard had Sixty three Votes for County treasurer.

Voted that One Thousand be raized for Repairs of Highway's and that it be assessed on Polls & Estates of Residents & Non residents and paid into the Treasury and Nine hundred dollars be appropriated to the several districts in same manner as it was the last year, and one hundred dollars be left with the Selectmen to apply at their discretion

Voted. for Surveyors Martin Morse 1st North Dea Thomas Griggs 2. No Reubin Hunting 3. — John Hunt 1st Middle Wm. Pettes 2. Dan'l Sanderson 3. Alvin Loker 1st South Tho. M. Woodward 2. John Warren 3. Dea Dan'l Peirce Western Turnpike John Hayden Eastern Turnpike

Voted. — Whereas there are parts of the Turnpike road so call'd which are encroached upon by Fences within the lines of said road as located by the Commissioners on roads and in some places where the travelling part would not be essentially injured with proper restrictions — It is therefore Voted that the selectmen be directed to remove all fences and other obstructions that now exist or may hereafter exist within the lines aforesaid excepting where a railing is necessary for the security of Travellers, in those cases where the use of the lands between said railings and the lands adjoining may be of benefit to the owners of said lands, in such cases the Selectmen are Authorized and requested to grant license to said Owners to Occupy said lands — provided they will enter into a written agreement to erect such a railing where it is not already erected and to keep the same in repair and also to keep in repair any railing that is already errected in such manner as shall be approved of by the Selectmen or their Successors from time to time — provided further that said agreement shall be null and void whenever any Owner aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to keep said railing in repair as aforesaid and in such an event the Selectmen are Authorized and directed to revoke said license and thereupon remove any fence or obstruction within the limits of said Road as laid out by the commissioners aforesaid, said license to be continued during the pleasure of the Town.

The Trustee's of the School fund avail themselves of this opportunity to Tender to the Town their resignation of said Office, this they do in consideration of their advanced ages all of them having arrived over three score years & ten and some of them nearer four score years.

They also embrace this as a suitable oppertunity to report to the Town the present state of said School funds the amount of which ever since they have sustained the office of trustee's till within the last year has been. 2281.01. on which no deminution has occurred —

During the past year there has been added by Vote of the Town two installments of this Town's proportion of the surplus revenue of the United States the first of which was 1520.73

The second. 688.81

To make the last an even sum they have received from the Treasury 11.19

making 700.00

Total amount of said fund is now Dr. $4501.74

all of which is now on loan — secured on Mortgage of Real Estate as follows Viz. To Samuel Brown upon Note & Mortgage on House & lands in Boston accompanied with a Policy of insurance against fire 811.11

To Edward Pierce of Dorchester note & mortgage on lands 525.00

To Theophilus Dana Note & mortgage on house & Land in Brighton with Policy of insurance on the same 435.84

To Charles Hastings to Note & mortgage on buildings & Land in Brighton with a Policy of Insurance 304.53

To Edward Hall Note & Mortgage on his Real Estate in this Town with a policy of Insurance on the buildings 204.53

To Dea John Robinson Note & Mortgage on House Land & tan Yard with policy of Insurance on the buildings	1520.73
	3801.74
To Daniel Kingsbury Note & Mortgage on land & buildings in Newton with Policy of Insurance	700.00
	4501.74

We have strictly attended to the Notes of the Town from time to time by confining the loans on Notes accompanied with mortgages on Real estates and we have no doubts of the ample sufficiency of all the above securities

Joseph Goddard Ebenezer Heath John Robinson Benjamin Goddard William Ackers Trustee's of the Brookline School fund

Brookline March 1838.

Voted to accept the report of the Trustee's of the school fund and that it be recorded and placed on file

Voted that In future the Trustee's of the school fund be requested to report Annually at the Meeting for the examination of the Town's Accounts the amount of said funds to whom loaned with the securities taken for the same —

At a meeting in Brookline November 1836 the Selectmen were appointed a committee to make sale of the Wood on land in Needham known by the name of the Brookline Wood lot, have attended to that duty and ask leave to Report.

Your committee were of the opinion that the best method of disposing of the Wood was to sell it at Auction Accordingly we agreed with Mr Ware the auctioneer (in that part of Needham) to divide the wood into Lots to suit purchasers

It was divided into about one hundred and fifty lots and sold at Publick Auction, Condition of sale Six months credit with approved notes. Interest after ninty days

The actual amount of the Sale was —		869.25
The auctioners fee's for selling collecting &c ℘ agreement		40.—
Due the Town after deducting charges of Sale		829.25
Received in Cash as proceeds of Wood lot principle & Interest up to January 1. 1838 when Settlement was made with Auctioneer		767.38
also one Note not collected & doubtful	70.75	
with Interest on the same for one year	4.24	74.99
Available to the Town as proceeds from the Needham Wood lot principle and Interest up to March 1st of the present month		794.88
besides the doubtful note of		74.99

all which we humbly submit

In behalf of the Committee — D. Sanderson

Voted that the Proceeds shall be equally divided between the two parishes.

Report of the Committee on Guide Boards

The law requires that the Selectmen shall report to the Inhabitants of all the places in which guide posts are erected and Maintained within the Town — and of all places at which in Opinion of the Selectmen they ought to be errected and maintained — 1st by Mr. Newell directing to Brighton 2 by Baptist Meeting house 1 to Brighton 1 to Cambridge 1 by Charles Stearn's to Cambridge 2 by Mr. Ackers, 1 to Brighton 1 to Dedham 1 by Colo Perkins to Dedham 1 by Mr Whitmarsh's Corner to Dedham, 1 by Sam'l Hills to Dedham 2 by Mr Goodenough 1 to Dedham 1 to Newton

The above are where are now errected and maintained — The following are where the Selectmen recommend to be errected, Pettes, 1 post 2 signs 1 to Newton Centre 1 to Newton upper Falls, Mrs Babcock 1 post 2 signs, 1 to Dedham 1 to Jamacia plains, 1 at Mr Newells to Worcester 1 at Dr. Pierces Meeting house to Jamacia plain, 1 at Whitmarsh's corner to Brighton 1 at Colo Perkins to Brighton

March 12th. 1838. The Selectmen met at the Post Office and made out a List of Paupers—Number relieved Ten. of which there had Legal settlement in this Town eight State Paupers Two—Made dependent by intemperence seven

Total amount of supporting & relieving the Poor Five hundred ninty four dollars & $\frac{36}{100}$ average weekly cost One dollar $\frac{18}{100}$

Receivable from State Treasury towards support of State Paupers. Forty dollars $\frac{15}{100}$

1838 *April* 2. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brookline legally warned and assembled on the Second day of April 1838 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for County Commissioners, which being sorted and Counted there appeared

for Samuel P. Loud Seventy seven votes
Seth Mann Seventy seven
Joseph Hawes Seventy seven
Hon James Richardson had thirty six votes
Lewis Fisher Thirty six
John Ruggles Thirty six

for Special Commissioners —

Benjamin P. Williams had seventy five
John C. Scammel seventy seven
Luther Ellis two.
Hon Wm. Ellis had Thirty six
& David Blanchard Esq Thirty six

O Whyte Town Clk

APPENDIX.

[This matter is found interspersed in the first book of the Records, mainly in connection with the births, deaths and marriages.]

In the year 1698 the Select men of Roxbury with the Deacons being a commite choson by the Town of Roxbury for seating people in the meting House they sent to the Inhabitants of Muddyriver to request of them to send sum Men to set with them selves In sd commitie to Act for and in behalf of the rest of the Inhabitants in that Respect upon which motion the Inhabitants of Muddyriver being notified did convean to gether to consider of this matter and cam to this result that they would chuse by voate three men and send to assist In managin the matter aforesaid. the persons chosen were Leut. Thomas Gardner. Sarg't Benjamin White & John Winchester who met and sat with them at time and place appointed at which time it was demanded what Right and previledg the Town of Roxbury did aprehend that the Inhabitants of Muddyriver ought to injoy in sd Meting-house and it was Granted they ought to have a fifth part and accordingly to defrey one fifth pait of the expens & charge that did arise for Repairing sd Metinghouse. at which place namely at Mr. John Rugglses house at ye Flower-de-luce in Roxbury upon the 21 of February In the year 1699 thes three men chosen as a foresaid by the Inhabitants of Muddyriver did on behalf of the Rest of the Inhabitants defray the fifth part of all past and present charges their part amounting to six pound & four shilings

A Record of the Boundaryies of the Line. Between Cambridge & Brooklin. & between Newtown and Brooklin. Boston April 17th 1705. This Day being appointed for the Running the Line Between Boston Old Cambridge & Newtown Home to Roxbury Line. We whoes Names are under written did perform the same.

Bound Marks upon Cambridge Line

1 Mark at Widdow Gates's Farm next the Sea and so along the Brook betwixt Danforth and Sewall (2) A Stump with Stones about it betwixt Danforths and Sewalls Farms (3) To a Red Oake marked B C between Danforth & Devotion (4) To a Grey Oake between Danforth and the Common Land of Boston (5) A White Oake and a Walnutt. (6) A White Oake (7) A Red Oake between Danforth & Adams. (8) A Red Oake Stump at the Corner of Streeters Orchard and a White Oake Stump with a heap of

Stones on the Edge of a Rock (9) Two White Oakes In I Winchesters Land One cutt down added Stones to sd Stump A Stump and Stones (11) A. walnutt Stump with heap of Stones in Fence omitted (12) A White Oake between Winchester and Dana (13) A Walnutt Tree between Sewalls Hogscoat and Gardner (14) Three Chesnutts growing out of one Root between Sewall and Pelham (15) A Chesnutt Tree (16) A White Oake A Great Walnutt Tree

ꝑ Ambulators for Boston Dan'l Oliver Elias Heath Sam'l Sewall jun'r Rosamon Drew Thom's Stedman jun'r John Winchester jun'r

For Cambridge Daniel Dana Downing Champney

Bound Marks upon Newtown Line

1 A Heap of Stones at Cambridge corner betwixt Cambridge and Newtown (2) A Walnutt Tree at Sewalls Corner (4) A Heap of Stones (5) A Black Oake (6) A Maple (7) A white Oake

(8) A white Oake (9) A Black Ash (10) A Heap of Stones, in High way (11) A white Oake (12) A Black Oake Markd CC. (13) A Red Oake (14) A white Oake (15) A Maple (16) A Black and White Oake Line running betwixt (17) A Gray Oake Marked B C. (18) A White Oake (19) A White Oake betwixt W. S. (20) A Heap of Stones upon a Stump. (21) A Heap of Stones (22) A Heap of Stones on the Island before you come to Stake Meadow. (23) The corner A stake and Heap of Stones in Stake Meadow. (24) A Wild Cherry Tree with heap of Stones at the turning Line. (25) A Heap of Stones with a black Oak by it (26) A Red Oak (27) A Black Oak (28) A Heap of Stones. (29) A White Oake. (30) A Little heap of Stones and a Stake at the Corner of Tings and Hammonds Farm (33) Four Heaps of Stones. (34) A Black Oake (35) A Little Maple Dying Marked a Red Oake half foot in N Line. (36) A Heap of Stones at the Root of a Black Oake. (37) A Red Oake (38) A Black Oake against Drews Saw mill (39) An Ulm. (40) A Walnutt & a White Oake. (41) A White Oake (42) A Great White Oake Marked B C by Homans (43) A Hemlock upon an Island at the other side of the Swamp having an Horn lime by it. (44) A White Oake. (45) A Heap of Stones. (46) A Heap of Stones upon a Rock (47) A Heap of Stones (48) A White Oake. (49) A Walnutt. (50) A Heap of Stones (51) A White Oake (52) A Little Birch (53) A White Oake (54) A white Oake (55) A Heap of Stones (56) A White Oake (57) A Heap of Stones at the End of Newtown Line In Erazmus Drewes Meadow

ꝑ Ambulators for Boston Samuel Sewall jun'r Thomas Stedman jun'r John Winchester jun'r Rosaman Drew Boston gentlemen being Returned Home

For Newtown Nath'l Healy Eleaz'r Hides Thom's Hammond

Brooklin April 13 1708. Run the Line Between cambridge Newtown and Brookline
ꝑ Ambulators for cambridge Sam'l Oldham Nath'l Sparhawke observe 3 Mark Red Oake Fell putt Stones upon the Stump
ꝑ Ambulators for Brooklin John Druce Benj'on White jun'r Amos Gates Samuel Sewall
On Cambridge Line in the 16 Mark Insted of a Walnutt Sett down Three Years agoe found a white Oake and Now marked him, which was all the Alteration or Error in the former Running which we found

ꝑ Ambulators for Newtown John Greenwood For Brooklin as is inserted on the other side.

Brooklin April 10th 1711 ꝑ Ambulators for Cambridge Samuel Oldham John Robbins
ꝑ Ambulators for Newtown Thomas Chamberlin Nath :l Hammond
For Brookline Peter Boylston Samuel Sewall

On Cambridge Line found A Heap of Stones A Small Walnutt beyond what was inserted in the Acc of 1705

Brooklin April 13. 1714 ꝑ Ambulators for Cambridge Samuel Oldham Dan'l Dana
ꝑ ambulators for Newtown Thom's Chamberlin Thom's Hammond jun'r
For Brooklin Peter Boylston Will'm Gleason Samuel Sewall

On Cambridge Line Observe In the 4 Mark Insted of Danforth and common Land. Now between Thoms Phypps Farm & John Winchester jun'r 5 Mark A White Oake a walnutt by it The walnutt being cutt down putt Stones to the Stump of it

On Newtown Line
29 mark A white Oake being cutt down putt some Stones to the Stump of it. 35th Mark A little Maple Dying found it now Dead and putt Stones to it having a Red Oake Marked by it in N line. 49 Mark A Great White Oake B C By Homans Now Negro Symons Found it Fell and so putt Stones upon Stump
This as above is all the Difference found in Running April 13. 1714

Brooklyn April 16th 1717 ꝑ Ambulators for Cambridge Nath'll Sparhawk Nath'll Oliver
ꝑ Ambulators for Newtown Nath'll Hammond Isaac Hammond
For Brooklyn John Seaver William Gleason

A Record of Running the Line between Cambridge & Brooklin & between Newtown & Brooklin

April 4th 1726 ꝑambulators for Cambridge John Robbins and Nath Sparhawk. For Newtown Nath'l Hammond & John Hide For Brooklin Robt Sharp Sam'l Clark jun'r & Sam'l Sewall Renewed the following marks

Marks betwixt Cambridge & Brooklin

1 The Brook 2 Stake & Stones 3 Heap of stones Phypps & Eliss 4 Stump & stones 5 & 6 stump & stones 7 Red Oake 8 A Black Oake Adams & Dana 9 Heap of stones Adams & Dana 10 Heap of stones B Winch'r upon Rocks 11 stump & stones 12th A White Oak B Winch'r 13th White Oake 14th A Heap of stones 15th Two Chesnutts Line between 16th A Heap of stones. This mark a Corner mark

Marks Betwixt Newtown & Brooklin

1 A Heap of stones 2 A Walnutt Tree 3 & 4th Heap of stones. 5th A White Oake 6 A White Oak Stump. 7th A Black Ash 8 A Heap of stones. 9 stump & stones 10th Black Oake 11th Red oake 12th White Oake. 13 A maple Tree 14 White Oake. 15 A grey oak stump 16th A White Oake by Hills House 17th 18th Heap of stones. 19th stones 20th A small cherry Tree with stones 21 A Heap of stones upon Rock 22 A Black Oak. 23 A Heap of stones 24th A White Oak & Stump with stones 25th A Walnutt with stones 26th A stake & stones. 27 A Heap of stones 28th A Heap of stones 29th A Red Oak with stones 30th stones & black oak 31 A Black oak by saw mill 32 an Ulm 33 A white oake 34 A White Oake 35 Stump & stones. 36 A Dead Hemlock 37th A stake & stones 38th A White oak mark'd N B 39 Rock & stones. 40th Rock & stones 41 White oake N B. 42 stake & stones 43 stump & stones 44 A little Birch & stones. N B 45th White Oake N B 46th A Heap stones 47th A White Oake 48th A stake in meadow betwixt Roxbury Newtown & Brooklin

Brooklin April 1726 Recorded these marks ꝑ S Sewall jun'r Town Clerk

According to agreement we the Subscribers met at the time and place appointed and Run the line and Renewed the Bounds Between the Town of Roxbury and the Town of Brookline

Beginning at the House of Mr John Ellis in Brookline where was the stone mark'd R : B : 2d A heap of Stones and one marked R : B : in the old lane 3dly. A Stone in the Swamp Between Capt. White and Sam : Grigg's land mark'd R : B : 4ly. A heap of Stones on an old Stump on the west Side of the wall 5thly : A heap of Stones on A Rock on the East Side of the wall Between Capt White and Nath'll Crafts land where we mark'd a A Stone R : B : 6ly. A heap of Stones by an old Stump where we mark'd A small Stone R : B : 7ly. A high Oak Stump in the wall in

Henry Winchester's land 8ly. A Heap of Stones on the Top of the Hill in Henry Winchester's land with a small Stone mark'd R : B : 9ly. An Oak Tree in the wall mark'd R : B : 10ly. A stump in the Corner of the wall Between the land of Sam : Griffin John Goddard and Edward Child where we mark'd A Stone R : B : and put it Between the wall and sd Stump 11ly. A heap of Stones where was a walnut Stump where we mark'd A. Stone R : B : in Edward Child's Ground 12ly A heap of Stone by the wall in Edward Child's Ground where we found A stone mark'd R : B : 13ly. A heap of Stones and A Stake in the land of John Harris where we mark'd a Stone R : B : 14 : A Stake and heap of Stones at the corner of Harrise's lane 15. A heap of Stones in Harri's lane with one Stone mark'd R : B : 16 : A heap of Stones with one Stone mark'd R : B : on the East Side of Harrises fence 17th. A. Stake and A Heap of Stones with A Stone mark'd R : B : 18 : A heap of Stones on a white Oak Stump with one Stone mark'd R : B : 19 A heap of Stones one mark'd R : B : 20 : a heap of Stones and A Stump in the wall A Stone mark'd R : B : 21 A Black Oak Tree in the wall mark'd R : B : 22 : A Stake and heap of Stones at the Corner of Abraham Woodwards wall with A. Stone mark'd R : B : 23 : A heap of Stones by a white Oak Tree in Mr. Bakers and with a Stone mark'd R : B : 24 : A Stump and heap of Stones in the Stump mark'd R : B : 25 : A heap of Stones in the High way against Daniel Whites wall with one Stone marked R : B : 26 A Stake and heap of Stones in Daniel Whites meadow where we mark'd A Stone R : B : and N.

Septemb'r 14th 1741 Agents for Roxbury Capt Joseph Weld Sam : Gridley for Brookline Sam : White Aspinwall

Feb 24 $170\frac{8}{9}$ Joseph Stedman of Brooklin Desires the Entry of a Heffer coming in 3 year as the Law directs Marks Brindle colour with a short taile Entred ℘ me Samuel Sewall Jun'r Town Clark

January 14. 1709^{10} John Druce of Brooklin having taken up last wednesday Two Stray Horses Markd. one of them about 3 or 4 year Old being of Bay Colour Some what white about the Legs. No artificial mark about Her that can be perceived.

The other being a Horse Colt coming in 2 years Old A Black Colour with a white Starr in his forehead having the Hair of his tail cutt nott being Dockt. No artificial mark about him Entred ℘ me Samuel Sewall jun'r The Day above sd Town Clark

Feb 7 $170\frac{9}{10}$. Robert Harris of Brooklin Has took a Mare Artificial Mark The Near Ear a Slitt Nattural A light Gray being about 3 years Old Entred ℘ me Samuel Sewall Town Clark

March 6. $170\frac{9}{10}$ Joseph Adams of Brooklin Has took up a Horse. Artificial mark a piece cutt out of his left Ear Nattural a little Starr in his Forehead his hind foot White as far as his foot locks. Entred ℘ me Samuel Sewall jun'r T Clark

Brooklin September 4. 1711. Took up pr I Winchester Jr A Stray Committing Damage in his Field. Viz A Mare Colt coming in Two years of a Chesnutt Colour no other mark nattural or artificial. Entred ℘ me Samuel Sewall jun'r T Clark

Brooklin Octobr 16. 1712. Took up ℘ Thomas Gardner A Stray Horse Committing Damage in his Field Viz A Sorrel Horse white Face. Feett White by Huff mark A Half penny in left Ear Entred ℘ me Sam'l Sewall Town Clark

Brooklin April 28. 1714 Took up ℘ Caleb Gardner A Horse markd W upon the near Sholder. Having some sort of a Brand on his Buttock. About Six or Seven years: Being of a Brown
(worn off) To Constable Wm. Sharp
(worn off) Rate

Brooklin July 11. 1714. Then Recd of Constable William Sharp as ℘ Notes Recd of him may appear. The full sum of Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Ten pence in part. of the Rate given him to Collect I say Recd ℘ me Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Trearurer

Brooklin July 21. 1714 Then Recd of Constable William Sharp The Sum of Three pounds Seventeen Shillings I say Recd ℘ me Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Treasurer

Brooklin Novembr 2. 1714. Then Recd of Constable William Sharp. The sum of Twenty Seven pounds Six Shillings four pence Viz.

In Province Bills	£ 13–0–0
In Notes to men Given	–14–6–4
I say Recd ℘ me	27–6–4

Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Treasurer

(worn off) lin. A Coppy of a Receipt

Boston Feb'y 10th 1714 Received of Mr Wm. Sharp Constable of Brooklin Twenty three pounds two Shillings in pt for my master
(worn off) iah Allen Treasurer
℘ Jno : Gooch
£ 23–2–0

Recorded ℘ me Samuel Sewall Town Clark Feby 11 $17\frac{14}{15}$

Brooklyn Jan 2. 1719 Took up ℘ John Winchester A stray Brown Coulored Heifer Calf of the first year

Brooklyn May 13 1723 Received of Mr. Woodward constable for Brooklyn the sum of Eighty pounds in full of my Psallery for the year one thousand seaven hundred & twenty one
James Allin

The fore going Record is truley compared with the original by me
Edward White T. Clerk

Brooklyn April 29 172(4) Taken up damage feasant by John Winchester of Brooklyn on ye 23d of this instant April. three white Sheep marked with a halfe penie under each of yr left ears & a noch under theire right ears & four white lambs with no marke.

Brooklyn July 14th 1724 Received of mr. Gates constable for Brooklin ye sum of Eighty Pound in ful of my Psallery from ye Town Anno one thousand Seven hundred and twenty three

James Allin

the fore going Record is truly compared with ye original by me

Edward White T Clerk

Brooklyn April 3 1724 We ye subscribers being ye Towns committ'e do in behalfe of ye Town Allow mr. Josiah Winchester to keepe up two good & conveniant gates a cross ye highway which belongs to ye Town yt runs round by sd Winchesters House for ye space of twenty years & yt Josiah Winchester jun: be Allowed to keepe up one conveniant gate at ye easterly end of sd way for ye space of five years

Henry Winchester Peter Boylston Samuel White Caleb Gardner Robert Sharp Edward White

Brooklyn April 10 1724 I the subscriber do owne & Acknowledg that the way which runs through my land to be the Towns & accordingly have laid it open for ye use of sd Town for ever.

his
Philip × Torry
marke

Brooklin July 12th 1726. Found Last Night by the Revrd Mr. James Allen betwixt Mr Ed Whites & his house A Paper Doubled up with Three pounds Nineteen Shillings & some pence within the same

John Druce of Brooklin July 29th 1726. Took up & impounded These following Beasts Viz

Three Mare Colts coming in Two or Three years. 1 A Grey Roan Colt with a Black Main & Tail. 2 A Black Colt. 3 A Bay Sorril Colt. These Three Colts having no Artificial Marks as we the Apprisers do disern. Taken August 3d 1726

ꝑ me Samuel Sewall jun'r Town Clerk

Swore Amos Gates & Amariah Winchester to Apprize them.

May 16 1727 Thomas Ellis being warned out of this Town of Brooklyn

May 16 1727 Elisabeth Jeffors warned out of Brooklyn

Brooklyn May 1728 Mr. Benjamin White Mr. Caleb Gardner Mr. Robert Sharp as Select men of the Town alterred the Town highway Leading from Samuel Newels Land to the road that Leads Down to Roxbury By Isaac Childes

Running from sd Newels Land to a heap of stons and a stake

and from thence to a white Oak tree and from thence to a heap of stons and stake by the above sd Road the way to be two rods wide
Samuel White (worn off)

Brooklyn April 29 1729 Taken up A brown mare by Edward Devotion with A brown nose and Long tail and fore white spots on her back feet on each side
Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn June 18 1730 Taken up A bay Mare by Daniel Harris jun of Brooklyn with A baal face three White feet and a sorril mane with A red spot in the face within the White
Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn July 20 1730 Taken up by Doc'r Joshya Gardner of Brooklyn A bay Mair with A brand of an A upon her near Sholder and one white foot and another speck of white upon Another foot

Brooklin Septem 29 1731 Taken up by Mr. John Winchester of Brooklyn (worn off) with A brand D on his near sholder with some white on his nose and a star on his forehead and some white on his hind foot

Brooklyn January 7 173$_0^1$ Taken up by Cap John Winchester A red Cow

Brooklyn Novem 1 1731 Taken up by John Woodward A red steer with the top of his left Ear cut of with A white face and A white spot on his back

Brooklyn December 21 1732 Taken up a brown or Dark bay horse by Mr. Josiah Brown of this Town with some white on his off hind foot and a star in his forehead and both wall eyes
Sam'll White Town Clerk

Brooklyn May 9 1732 Nathaniel Whitmore and his family Warned out of this town

May 25 1732 William Snowdon and his wife warned out of this Town

Brooklyn June 12 1732 Taken up by Thomas Woodward a white and brown and white Heffer with the Top of her Right (the remainder worn off)

Brooklyn November 15 1733 Taken up by Joshua Child one Black ox with A white face Branded upon near horn J W a piece cut of the left Ear about six years old and one black steer coming three years old with A white star on the forehead and one brown heffer with a white tail and rump and one black heffer with a bell the heffers coming four years old
Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn July 10 1734 Taken up by John Druce of Brooklyn

Damage feasant One Mair Brite Bay with A brand upon her near Sholder with a blackish Mane and tail and a speck of white on her forehead Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn August 7 1734 Taken up by Josiah Brown of Brooklyn one horse a dark Gray with a brand H upon the near Sholder and E upon the near buttok with a white streak down his nose with one white foot Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn June 3 1734 James Shed of Roxbury in the Countty of Suffolk by A power of Attorney from Daniel Adams of Cambridge in the County of Middlesix has Requested for a high way to the Land of Daniel Adamses Commonly Called Cibbeys near John Winchesters jun the Select Men of Brooklyn have Accordingly proceded and layed out A way for Daniel Adams and his Heirs for Ever through Cap John Winchesters Land sd Adams paying to Cap John Winchester forty Eight Shillings of Bills of Credet of this province

the high way Begining at the Country Road by Cap Whites stone wall and runing strate down to the brook between sd Winchesters and sd Adams the way runing two rod and a half into sd Winchesters Land by the brook and from thence strate unto winchesters Stone wall and to the county road the high way to be one rod and half wide by the country Road and two rod and a half Wide down by the Brook about twelve rods in the Whole highway the Above sd Daniel Adams is to Enjoy the sd highway for himself and his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for Ever Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn June 14 1734 Taken up by James obrine of Brooklyn two horses and one mair one Stone Gray horse with a bell on his neck and some White spots on his Back and two white feet about six years Old one bright bay horse with black footlocks with a bell on his neck about seven years old. one mair of a dark coller with a brand on her near buttock with three white feet and A white Streek down her nose Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn May the 29 1735 Taken up and Strayed one brownish Mair by Thomas Baker and John Boning of Roxbury
Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn May Sixth 1735 Samuel Squer Warned to Depart out of Brooklyn by Cons Brown Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn August 7 1736 Goods found by Mr. Ebenezer Sargant of Brookline two Cotton and linning Shifts five yards of linning Cloth Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn August 18 1736 Taken up in Damage feasant by Dudly Boylston one Sorrel Mair of about twelve years old with a white Lock upon her Right flank Shod before
Samuel White T Clerk

November 13 1736 Taken up by Mr. Allin of Brooklyn one cow the marks are as followeth A brownish Cow with some White under her belly and some white on her tail and about twelve years old Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn November 10 1736 Easter Harsel Warned to Depart out of this Town of Brooklyn By constable Harris
Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn February 23 173$\frac{6}{7}$ Taken up by Abraham Nickels one hog of a whitish coller with one black spot on his cheek of about twelve or fourteen months Old Samuel White T Clerk

This Indenture Made the fifth day of May Anno que Domini 1737 between Daniel Adams a Resedent in Cambridge fermar and the One party and Nathaniel Hill of Brooklyn Husbandman on the Other party Witnesseth that the sd Daniel Adams hath in consideration of the sum of four pounds of Good and pasable money of this Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England let out and doth by these Presents let out for one year next after the Date hear of unto the sd Nathaniel Hill a certain peace of Meadow formerly belonging to Thomas Chamberling of Newton the sd meddow being and Lying in Brooklyn afore sd bounded Wesardly on the Land of John Hammon Easterly on the Land of John Druce Southerly on the Land of Abraham Woodward or How Ever Otherwise bounded or reputed to be bounded: and the sd Nathaniel Hill doth hereby promis and Engage to and With the sd Daniel Adams that at the Expiration of One year as Expresed he will pay or cause to be paid unto the sd Danel Adams four pounds as above mensioned as a rent for the sd meadow: and that he will at the Experation of sd term of one year as above mentioned yeild and surrender the sd promisis unto him the sd Daniel Adams

In Witness whereof we the sd parties have hear unto set Interchangably our hands and seals the day and year first written

Signed served and Delivered in presents of us

Daniel Adams (seal)
John Seaver
Elisabeth Seaver
his
Nath'll × Hill (seal)
mark

Brooklyn December 8 1737 Taken up by John Druce of Brooklyn one black heffer coming two years Old She has Some white under her belly Some white on her hind leggs some white on her tail no artificial Mark Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn July 1737 John Seaver jun pety Jurer was excused
August Nehemiah Davis pety Jurer for the superior court
October Benjamin White jun pety Jurer for the infe court
February Thomas Aspinwall Jurer pety for the superoer court

Joseph Adams Grand Jury man at the same court
January Nathaniel Seaver pety Jurer for Inferiour court
July Abraham Woodward Grand Juryman for the year
for february court John Goddard pety Jurer
for february court Ebenezer Kindrick pety Jurer William Davis also
June 3 John Seaver Thomas Woodward Solomon Gardner pety Jurymen

Brooklyn February 14 1738 Taken up by Ebenezer Sargant one young mair of About two years old a brownish mair with a white speck upon her forehead Samuel White T Clerk

September 2 1738 Sarah Goddard Daughter Widow Goddard Warned of this Town of Brooklyn Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn Novem 28 1738 Taken up and strayed by William Ackers One White and brownish Cow of About fourteen years of age Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn Novem 28 1738 Nathaniel Seaver and Peter Hammon Appointed by me to apprize one Cow Taken up by William Ackers who were sworne for that purpos sd Apprizers prized sd Cow at ten pounds Samuel White Jus Peace

Brooklyn August 31 1738 Taken up in Damage feasant by John Seaver jun of Brooklyn one Dun horse branded upon the near Sholder with the Letter F and no other artificial mark
Sam'll White T Clerk

Brooklyn October 25. 1738 the Ministers Rate 122=33=
the Town Rate 81=14=11
Province.Rate 51=14=11 the Province Rate the New tener

Brooklyn October 1 1739 this is the Over plus of the Town Rates
Ministers Rate 1—18=9
Town Rate 1 16 2
the whole being 3=14=11

Brooklyn June 9 1739 Taken up in Damage fesaut By John Seaver of this Town one Redish Brown Cow with C R upon Each horn and white face and White under her belly
Entred by Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn June 1739 Amariah Winchester with his wife and children warned to depart out of the Town of Brooklyn

Brooklyn June 1739 Mary Hammon Widow Residing at Ebenezer Kindricks warned to Depart out of Brooklyn
Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn May 29 1739 Solomon Gardner and Daniel Robins Apprized one mair at three pounds fifteen shillings taken up by Thomas Baker and John Boning of Roxbury sd prizers being upon their oath at the same time Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn October 26 1739 Amn Smith Warned to Depart out of this Town of Brooklyn Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn November 20 1739 Taken up by Timothy Harris of Brooklyn and straid and Sorellish Mair with A white spot on her fore head and A white spot in her left side of About thirteen hands high Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn October 26 1739 Anna Smith Warned to depart out of Brooklin within fourteen days from (the remainder of the line gone) wherever she came from Viz Boston

Brooklyn October 1 1740 the Province tax this year is £8. 6 5 and the Over plus of sd Rate is 1 4 in the new tener and the over plus of the Min rates is £2 11= 1= and the over plus of the Town and county rate 2 12 total sum 8= 15 0

Brooklyn July 10 1740 Taken up by James Sherlon of Brooklyn one Red Cow of about Six or Seven years old Samuel white T Clerk

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this is the Over plus of the province Tax	8 0 0
the over plus of the ministry rate	4 3 4
the over plus of the Town rate	6 5 3

this rate was Assesed Anno 1741

Brooklyn March 23 1741 Taken up and strayed One brownish Mair About sixteen years old by Benjamin White jun of Brooklyn with A star in her forehead sd Mair being Apprized at three pounds five shillings Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn february 20 1741 Joseph Greely with his wife and family warned to depart out of Brooklyn by the Cons of sd Town Samuel White Town Clerk

Brooklyn March 1 174½ Received of Cons Newel the sum of twenty one pound four shillings and Eight pence in part of the Town Rate by me Samuel White

June 10 Received of Cons Newell twelve pound ten shillings and Eight pence in part of the town Rate by me Samuel White

Brooklyn October 5 1742 Received of Mr. John Newel Constable the sum of thirty nine pounds one shilling two pence in part of the Town rate by me Samuel White

Brookly February 10 1742 Received of Mr. Newel Cons the sum of twenty nine pound three shillings and ten pence in part of the Town Rates

Brooklyn February 15 174$\frac{3}{4}$ Received of Constable Winchester the sum of forty pounds in part of the Town Rate Commited to him to Collect by me Samuel White T Treasurer

Brooklyn July 14 1744 Matthew Addelton with his wife Abiall and there three Children Namely Josep Jerusha and Abiall Warned to depart of Brooklyn with in fourteen days by Cons Robert Sharp jun Sam'l White T Clerk

Brooklyn November 8 1744 Mary Straduk and Unis her Daughter warned to Depart out of Brooklyn with in fourteen days by Constable Sharp Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn February 8 174$\frac{4}{5}$ Matthew Addleton and his wife Abiall and there three children namely Joseph Jerusha and Abiall warned to depart out of Brooklyn by Cons Robert Sharp jun

Suffolk SS to the Cons of Brooklyn Greeting you are hereby Commanded to Carry out of the Town of Brooklyn the Widow Mary Stradock and her to Convey to the Next Town and deliver her to the Constable of sd Town and so be carried from Constable to Constable until she Arives to the Town from wherever she came and belongs to piscatiawa and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant Given under my hand and seal this twentieth day of February in the Eighteenth year of his Majestys Reign Anno que domini 174$\frac{4}{5}$ Samuel Sewall Jus Peace

Brooklyn February 13 274$\frac{4}{5}$ by Virtue of this Warrant I have Carried Mary Stradock to the Cons of Roxbury
Robert Sharp Cons

June 28 1745 Taken up By John Druce of Brooklyn Damage feasant two horses One A large Black horse his left hind foot White having no Artifishal Mark the other one sorel Branded B F on the Left Buttack Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn May 8 1745 Matthew Addelton with his Wife Abiall and there (three) Children Warned to depart out of Brooklyn Namely Josep Jerusha and Abiall by John Harris jun Constable

Brooklyn November 28 1745 Rachel Barret Warned to Depart out of Brooklyn by Constable John Harris Jun to Chernsford where she belonged Samuel White T Clerk

Brookline May ye 13th 1746 Zebulon Goff ul Dict Robert Collier was warned out of Town as the Law Directs
Henry Sewall Town Clerk

Brookline August the 18 Day 1748 Samuel Clark and Mary his Wife and Abigail Elizabeth Lusy and Presiller there Children warned to Depart out of Brookline Thomas Aspinwall Constable
Ebene'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline octo'r about ye 10 1748 Taken up by Cap'n John Winchester in Brookline Dammage Feasant a Sorril Hors about thirteen hands and a half High he has four white feete and ablase of white in his forehed and no artifisal marks

Eben'r Davis To'n Clerk

Brookline May 1748 Then Reced of Mr. Samu'll Gleason the sum of Twenty Pounds old Tenour as a fine he paid for his being Chosen Constable This Present year

Ebenez'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline August ye 29 1748 Then Reced of Mr. Henry Winchester thirteen Pounds old Tenour for the spot that was Granted him by the Town for his pew Eben'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline August the 19 1748 Then Recd of Deacon Sam'll Clark thirteen Pounds old Tenour for the Spot in the body of the Meeting House that was Granted to him by the Town for his Pew

Eben'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline Novemb'r 17 1748 Then Reced of Mr. Abraham Woodward Ten pounds old Tenour for that Spot in the Boddy of the Meeting House that was Granted to him by the Town for his Pew Eben'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline Sep'r 1748 Reced of Mr. John Newel Thirteen pounds old Tener for the Spot in the Boddy of the Meeting House that was Granted to him by the Town for his pew

Eben'r Davis Town Clerk

Brookline March ye 6th 1748 Then Reced all that was Du to me from the Town for Keeping Prudence Savage until the Day of the Date hereof Edward White

Brookline March ye 6th 1748 Then Reced all That was Du unto me from the Town For Keeping Elexander Machingtosh until the Latter End of May 1749 Robert Sharp

Brooklyn Septem 17 1749 Taken up in Damage Phesant by Nathaniel Kindrick of sd Town One brown ox with the Letters I S on his near horn and two Stears of about five years old of A brownish Coller one of sd stears haveing some white under his belly

Samuel White T Clerk

Brooklyn April ye 20th 1749 John Voyn and Rebekah his wife was warned to Depart out of this Town

Thomas Aspinwall Cons
Ebenezer Davis Town Clerk

Brookline February ye 10th 1749 John Voyne and Rebecca his wife was warned To Depart out of This Town To the Town they Last Resided in To wit Newton Natha'iel Seaver Constable

Ebenez. Davis To'n Clerk

Brookline February ye 10—1749 Ruth Winchester and Thomas her Son was Warned To Depart out of the Town into the Town they last Inhabited To wit Roxbury

Nathaniel Seaver Constable
Ebenezer Davis Town Clerk

March ye 26 1751 Jonathan Hide was Warned To Depart out of this Town unto the Collenny & Town he last Resided in To wit Cantabury in Conneticut Isaac Child Ju'r Constable
Ebene'r Davis To'n Clerk

Taken up on the 25th of December 1753 by Ebenezer Sargeant of Brookline a light coloared Red Cow with a white Streak on Her Back about four or five years old

1755 Jan 6th Taken up by Samuel White Esq an old Gray Mare about thirteen Hands & an Half High without any Artificial Mark

Nov 4th 1756 Taken up by Robert Vokes of Boston A Bay Mare about fourteen Hands High with a Star in Her forehead

Brookline Nov'r 21st 1757 Taken up by John Newell of sd Town on the Sixteenth Instant & Strayed a Large brown Ox having some White between his fore legs both Ears Cropt and the near Ear stelled

John Winian and Mary Winian his Wife with there Child was Warned to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town they Last Resided in viz Cambridge Wm. Davis Constable
Brookline June ye 26 1758
℘ Isaac Gardner Jun'r Town Clerk

Brookline June ye 26th 1758 Thomas Brown Mary Brown his Wife and Susanna Elisabeth Mary and Enoch there Children is warned to Depart out of Brookline to the Town they Last Resided in viz Cambridge William Davis Constable
℘ Isaac Gardner Ju'r Town Clerk

Warned Thomas Cummings & Mary Cummings his Wife to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town he Last Resided in Viz Watertown ℘ Caleb Woodward Constable
Brookline Decem'r ye 19th 1759 Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Timothy Hastings and Rebekah his Wife Warned to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town they last Resided in viz Cambridge
Caleb Woodward Const.
Brookline May ye 24th 1759 ℘ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Philip Cony Warnd to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town he last Resided in viz: Boston Caleb Woodward Constable
Brookline may ye 24th 1759 ℘ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Daniel Benjamin & his Wife Mary & Daniel and Elisebeth their Children Warned to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town they Last Resided in Viz: Roxbury Caleb Woodward Cons
Brookline Octo'r ye 22d 1759 ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Warned Benjamin Bridge Anna Bridge his Wife Jeremiah Anna & a Male Infant supposd the name to be Benjamin to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to the Town they Last Resided in Viz Lincoln ꝑ Caleb Woodward Const'l
Brookline Jan ye 12th 1760 ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk

John Hammond Jun'r & Lydia his Wife & one Child warn'd to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town they Last Resided in Viz Newton Thomas Woodward Constable
Brookline May ye 12th 1760 Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Warn'd Joseph Hazzard and Lois Hazzard his Wife to Depart out of Brookline to the Town of they Last Resided in Viz Cambridge ꝑ Caleb Woodward Consta'l of Brookline
Jan'y ye 14th. 1760 ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Daniel Benjamin & Mary Benjamin Daniel & Elisebeth their Children Warn'd to Depart out of Brookline to the Towne they Last Resided in Viz Roxbury
ꝑ Caleb Woodward Constable of Brookline
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk

Rebekah Choat a Poor Widdow Warn'd to Depart out of Brookline to ye Town She Last Resided in Viz Roxbury
Brookline January ye 8th 1761 Thos Woodward jun'r Const'l
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Ju'r T Clerk

John Whitmore Bulah Whitmore his Wife Silas & John their Children Frances Chub William Seager & Mary Upham Warn'd to Depart out of Brookline to the Town they Last Resided in Viz Newton Thos. Woodward ju'r Constable
Brookline January ye 2d 1761 ꝑ Isaac Gardner ju'r T Clerk

Thomas Mayo & Abigail Mayo & their Child Warned Abigail warn'd to Depart to ye Town they Last Resided in Viz Cambridge Thos. Woodward Constable
Brookline Octo'r ye 16th 1761 ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Longley Bartlet & Elisebeth Bartlett his wife and there Son John Bartlet warned to Depart to ye Town they Last Resided in Viz Newton by Thos.Woodward Constable
Brookline Octo'r ye 6th 1761 ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Brookline Nov'r 29th AD 1762 Warned The Widow Mary Kellon To Depart out of Brookline To the Town she Last Resided in Viz Boston ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd by Sam'l Aspinwall Constable

Brookline Nov'r ye 22d 1762 Warnd to Depart the Town of Brookline Samuel Child & Elisebeth his wife with there Children (as Named in ye Warrant) To the place they Last Resided in Viz Newton
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Served by Sam'l Aspinwall Constable

Brookline July ye 11th 1763 Mary Smith Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brookline to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Cambridge
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Served by John Goddard Constable

Brookline July ye 11th 1763 Warn'd Susanna Coffin to Depart out of the Town of Brookline to the Town she Last Resided in Viz Boston
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Constable

Brookline July ye 11th 1763 Warn'd Edmand Mason to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to the Town he Last Resided in Viz Boston
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Const'l

Warned Jerusha Farrar Mary Farrer her Daughter and Jacob her Son to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to ye Town they Last Resided in Viz Needham ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Brookline July ye 11th 1763
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Brookline July ye 6th 1763 Warn'd to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to ye Town of Needham Nathan Farrar & his Wife Abigail Farrar
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Cons't

Brookline January ye 16th 1763 Warn'd Mary Havendish to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Boston
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd Sd Warning ꝑ Sam'l Aspinwall Constable

Brookline May ye 19th 1763 Warn'd to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to the Town She Last Resided in Viz Boston
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
serv'd By John Goddard Constabl.

Mary Walker Warn'd to Depart out of ye Town of Brookline to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Lincoln
Brookline May ye 19th 1763 ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Const'l

Sept ye 28th 1763 Susanna Bowman warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town she Last came from viz Lexington
Serv'd by John Goddard Const'l
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Sep'r 28th 1763 Susanna Foster warned to Depart ye Town of Brookline to the Town she Last came from Viz Roxbury Serv'd by
John Goddard Const'l
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town they Last Resided in Viz Newton Edward Merion & Anna his wife John there son Rebekah Hannah & Mehitable Daughters & a Servant Child Named Sarah Greene Brookline Feb ye 28th 1764
Warn'd by Isaac Gardner Jun'r T Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Constable

John Cone & his Wife Ann & Jacob there son Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town of Boston
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Jun'r Town Clerk
Serv'd by William Davis Constable
Brookline May ye 15th 1764

Brookline Decem'r 17th 1764 Thos. Kindrick warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to ye Town he Last Resided in Viz Natick
ꝑ Wm. Davis Const.
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Decem'r ye 17th Submit Sever warnd to Depart ye Town of Brookline to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Roxbury
By Edm. Davis Constable
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Decem'r 17th Jonathan Comey Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town he Last Resided in Viz Cambridge
By Wm. Davis Constable
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brookline January 16th 1765 Abigail Spring warnd to Depart said Town to the Town she Last Resided in Viz Newton
William Davis Constable
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk

Brookline Feb'r 1st 1765 Sarah Freeman (alias Hollowell) warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Newton ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
serv'd by Edm. Davis Constable

Brookline April ye 3d 1765 Buler Hammond Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brookline to Cambridge

June ye 17th 1765 Esther Belknap Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brookline to Framingham

May ye 8th 1765 Mary Farrar Warn'd to depart ye Town of Brookline to ye Town of Roxbury

Sept'm ye 3d 1765 Ann Tucker Abigail Farrar & Abigail

Farrar Daughter to ye above sd Abigail Farrar Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brookline into ye Town of Roxbury

Octob'r 13th Hannah Hilton Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brookline to ye Town of Newton
Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brookline April ye 18th 1766 Joseph Ducit & Ann his Wife Charles Joseph & mary there Children Charles Bellesons & Susanna his Wife mary Lidiven Peggy Joseph Hannah there Children & Joseph Landeree Glode duGar & Mary his wife Peggy Hannah Lecily Felicity Joseph Daniel there Children Joseph Le Blance & Madlie his wife & Mary Le Blance &c Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town they Last Resided in Viz Cambridge
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
Serv'd by William Davis Constable

Glode du Gar & Family came from Sturbridge all the others from Charlton

Brookline Octo'r 21t 1766 Hannah Hilton Warnd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town she Last Resided in Viz Newton
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
Serv'd by William Davis Constable

Brookline Septem'r ye 15th 1766 Ann Tucker Warned to Depart ye Town of Brookline to ye Town she Last Resided in Viz Roxbury within fourteen Days
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
Warn'd by William Davis Constable

Elizabeth Harris Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town she Last Resided in Viz Roxbury within fourteen Days
ꝑ Isaac Gardner T Clerk
Warn'd by William Davis Constable

March ye 15th 1768 Ebenezer Bartlet warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town he last Resided in Viz Roxbury
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk
Warn'd by William Davis Constable

Nov'r ye 18th 1769 Sarah Welch warn'd to Depart the Town of Brooklyn to ye Town of Stoughton

James Commack warn'd to Depart the Town of Brooklyn to ye Town he Last Resided in Viz Boston & also the Widow Sarah Fillebrown & her Children (Viz) Sarah Louis John Anna Thomas Abigail & William to Depart ye Town of Brooklyn to the Town they Last Resided in (Viz) Boston Serv'd by Wm. Davis Const'l
Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brooklyn May ye 11th 1769 Martha Whitney Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brooklyn to the Town she Last Resided in

Viz Newton the above sd Martha came to Brooklyn may ye 30th 1768
Serv'd by William Davis Const'l
Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brooklyne Nov'r ye 14th 1770 Warn'd to Depart ye Town of Brooklyn to the Town of Cambridge Benja. Cook & Lydia his wife and Elisha Benjamin & Lydia their Children & Sarah Cary their Servant Girl
Warn'd by John Goddard Constable
Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brookly April ye 14th 1770 Warnd to Depart the Town of Brookly to the Towns they Last Resided in Abraham Jackson & Margaret his wife & his six children Viz Sarah Thaddeus Nathan Asa Ezra Molly They to Newton Esther Weld to Depart sd Town to the Town she came from Viz Sturbridge within fourteen Days
ꝑ Isaac Gardner Town Clerk
Serv'd by John Goddard Constable

Feb ye 19th 1771 Katharine Tompson & David her son Warn'd to Depart the Town of Brookline to the Town she belongs to Viz Weston she came to Brooklyn Nov'r ye 27th 1770
Served by John Goddard Constable
Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

[From Boston Records.]

28 of the 4 mo. 1672 Whereas some differences have been among the Proprietors of the Common Field at Muddy River, referring to a Highway from the Field Gate to Charles River It is Ordered that the said High. Way shall lie from the Said Gate as now it is till it comes to the Ditch & Fence cast up before Capt. Hulls, and the Widow Minots Land, and the Land of Tubal Seavers and thence to go on within the Said Fence and Ditch next the upland, and so forward, till it comes to Charles River; the said Way to be made passable at the Charge of John White Thomas Gardner & Comp T. who but upon the Said Fence, up on the Marsh Side, and that the Whole Way be two Rods in breadth throughout; and whereas there was Land Allowed for a Landing place for Wood at Rivers Side in the now possessed by John Sharp;—

It is Ordered that the Said Sharp allow the use of the Said Land for the ends aforesaid, at the place commonly called Mr. Cottons Landing Place as appeares of Record in the Town Clerks office in Boston Liber No. 2 Page 69—
Att's William Cooper Town Clerk
A True Copy Recorded ꝑ me Isaac Gardner Town Cler

July ye 27th 1674 It is Ordered that there be a a High: Way laid.out at Muddy River from the Way to Cambridge, through the

Land of John Parker and so through Henry Stevens Land, to John White Sen'r his Marsh or Meadow, to run from this Land of Said Parkers near the said Stevens Rails between his other Lands and so roundinge about the side of the Hill to the Way formerly into the Said Meadow of John Whites

As Appears of Record in in the Town Clerk, Office in Boston Liber No. 2 Folio Page 87

Att's William Cooper Town Clerk

A True Copy Recorded ℘ me Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

[Found at the end of the second volume of Records.]

Brookline May ye 13th 1762 Taken up by Joshua Woodward of Said Brookline Damage Feasant a Sorrel Mare about fourteen hands & a half hig both Jrotts & Gaies Supposed to be about five or Six years old no artificial markes Isaac Gardner T. Clerk

May 13th 1762 The above mare was Apprized by two meet Persons under Oath. Viz Mr. John Harris & Mr. Elisha Gardner for the sum of four pounds ten shillings

Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brooklyn Nov'r ye 27th 1773. Taken up by John Spear Hogreave a white shote. Suposing to way about 90 lb. with a Leather Strap on one of the hind feet Said Swine was taken was Damage Feasant in Capt. Benjamin Whits Ground

attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Brookly Sept. ye 25th 1774 Taken up by John Speare Hogreave a large Sow supposed to weigh about Eight Score in the Kings highway with a Yoke on with three black spots on he Sholders Attest Isaac Gardner Town Clerk

Oct Taken up in the Inclosure of the subscriber a light sorrel Mare, with one white hind foot about Eight years old. The owner can have her by applying to Silas Snow. Punch Bowl Village Octo 23. 1837—

Mar 1838 Found in the Enclosure of the subscriber a White Mare & Sleigh which the Owner is requested to take away & pay charges. March 7. 1838. David R. Griggs

Dec'r 6 1837 A Child was found at the door of David Coolidge's dwelling house 6th December 1838 [?] supposed to be about Ten days old—

Jan 1 1838 The Selectmen met at the Post Office and made out a list of State Paupers till 1st January 1838.

George Thompson aged abt 62 years came to the Common'th

1802 from England became chargable 1 May 1835 continued chargable till 1838. 334 days @ 7 —	23.38
Ann Porter age 9. Years born in Brookline 1828 from 1 June 1837. to 1838. 334 days @ 4	13.36
	36.74

[The following papers contain matter that can hardly fail to be of interest to many of our citizens, as they illustrate the character and condition of a prominent, wealthy and beneficent family which flourished during the first century of our history.]

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Edward Devotion of Brooklyn in the County of Suffolk & Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, Yeoman being aged & infirm, Do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul to God who gave it hoping and believing that in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ my Redeemer I shall receive full pardon of all my sins and an Inheritance among them that are Sanctified. My Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, And as for my Temporal Goods and Estate I will that they be Employed & bestowed in manner following:

Imp's I will that all my Just Debts & Funeral Charges be well & truly paid by my Executors herein after named in convenient time after my decease.

Item. I give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife Mary Devotion the sum of Five hundred Pounds Lawfull money of the Province aforesaid and all my House hold Goods to her her heirs & assigns forever.

Item. I give to my beloved friend Mr. James Shedd the sum of Twenty five Pounds Lawfull money aforesd in consideration of my respect for him.

Item. I give to the Grand Children of my Brother John Devotion deceased the Sum of Two hundred & fifty Pounds Lawfull money out of which sum my will is that the Rev'd Mr. Ebenezer Devotion shall have Seventy five Pounds and that the remainder be equally divided amongst the rest of the said Grand Children provided always nevertheless and my Will is that the said Legacy of Two hundred & fifty Pounds is given & bequeathed to the said Grand Children of my sd Brother is upon this Special Condition that they shall Quit claim to my Executors all the Right Title and Interest that they have, or may pretend to have, of and in all that Estate that came to me by my Hon'd Father John Devotion deceased and in case they refuse to give such Quit claim then my Will is that aforesaid Legacy of Two hundred & fifty Pounds shall cease and be void.

Item. I give to Deacon Edward Ruggles the sum of Seventy five Pounds Lawfull money, and to Mr. Samuel Griffin the like sum of Seventy five Pounds.

Item I give to the Church of Christ in Brooklyn one Silver Tankard containing one Quart.

Item. As for the Estate which I sold to Solomon Hill and for which he gave me a Mortgage Deed my will is that in case he should not Redeem the said Estate and Discharge the Mortgage within the time limited then and in such ease I hereby authorize & impower my said Executors to dispose of the same together with all my Land in Brooklyn to the Highest Bidders in Order to pay & discharge the aforesaid Legacies and my Just Debts.

Item my will is that in case my Estate shall not be sufficient to pay my Just Debts, Funeral Charges and ye aforesaid Legacies by me given, then in such case my will is that each of the Legacies given in this my will be reduced proportionably. (Saving the Legacies given to my wife and my friend James Shed which are to be first paid without any deduction).

Item in case my Estate prove to be sufficient to pay my Just Debts, Funeral Charges and the aforementioned Legacies and there should be any overplus left then my will is and I hereby give the sd overplus to the Town of Brooklyn towards Building or Maintaining a School as near the Centre of the said Town as shall be agreed upon by the Town. But if the said Town cannot agree upon a Place to set the said School upon then my Will is that the said overplus be laid out in purchasing a Wood Lott for the use of the School and the ministry of said Town forever.

Item. my mind & will is, any thing aforewritten to ye contrary thereof notwithstanding that the aforementioned Legacies by me given are not to be paid untill the aforesd mortgage Deed given me by the said Solomon Hill be Discharged or (in case he refuse to Redeem ye. said Estate) untill the said Estate by him mortgaged as aforesaid can be conveniently sold by my Executors hereinafter named.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary and my Friend Mr. James Shed of Roxbury to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Fourteenth day of June in the Seventeenth year of his majesty's Reign and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty three.

EDWARD DEVOTION. (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published pronounced & declared by the sd Edward Devotion the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in presence of us the subscribers (ye words. can be conveniently being first intelined) James Clark. Nathaniel Gardner. Elhanan Winchestor.

Suffolk, SS. By the Hono'ble Josiah Willard Esq'r Judge of Prob'te &c

The within written will being presented for Probate by the Executors therein named Samuel Clark & Elhanan Winchester made oath that they saw Edward Devotion the subscriber to this Instrument sign & seal & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind & memory according to these Depon'ts best discerning and that they together with Nathaniel Gardner now already set to their hands as Witnesses thereof in the said Testators presence. J. WILLARD.

Boston Nov'r 27th 1744.

An Inventore of the estate of Edward Devotion of Muddy river, In the bounds of Boston in the county of Suffolk, deceased the twenty eighth day of September, sixteen hundred eighty and five, taken by the persons whose names are subscribed in the sequell.

Imprimis, the homestead houseing and ten acres land adjoining thereto, with the orchyard and twenty one acres of land upon the south side of the road that leads to boston at two hundred pounds —	200	00	00
lands lying within the field commonly called Boston field, fifty four acres at	108	00	00
Marsh by the spring, two acres	18	00	00
five acres of land by John Davis in Roxbury	18	00	00
ten acres of land in Roxbury bounds	7	10	00
Sheep & lambs forty two, at ten pounds	10	00	00
five cowes and young cattell, three horse kind	28	10	00
Sheep let out at eight pounds,	8	00	00
seven swine	3	10	00
Debts due to the estate	270	00	00
Wavering debts	7	00	00
tenn pair of sheets, six pounds	6	00	00
other articles of furniture	15	00	00
cart & wheels & plowes	3	00	00
Collar & braces & saddles one gun, 3 saws, 2 axes	1	10	00
fourteen barrell of sider at foure pounds	4	4	00
tubs & other lumber		10	
The sume totall	£708	14	00

Probate 27 Octob'r 1685.

MARY DEVOTION, } Executors.
JOHN DEVOTION, }

This is an inventery of the Estate both Reall & personal of Mr. Edward Devotion of Brooklyn, late deceased, Apprized by us the subscribers who are hereunder written, Viz:

fifteen Acres and half of land at three Hundred and ten pounds.	310
Seven acres of land apprized at one hundred and five pounds	105
	415
One Negrow at thirty pounds —	30
One Cow at fourteen pounds —	14
Wairing Apparril at twenty pounds —	20
Beds & Bedding at forty pounds	40
Tabels & chairs & wooden ware twenty pounds —	20
Puter, Iron and brass at twenty five pounds —	25
	£149
one Iron bar twenty five shillings —	

Apprizers
SAMUEL WHITE
SAMUEL CLARK
THOMAS ASPINWALL

Memo: There is sundry Bonds due to said estate with interest as pr acct. of Particulars on file £1735.6.6 old ten'r. Besides some desperate Bonds amounting to £53.7. Cash old tener £80.15S.

Date of Probate — March 8, 1744.

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